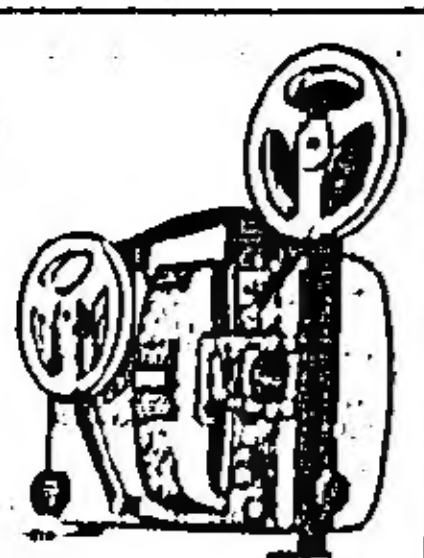


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THE WEATHER

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Rockets galore

BEGINNING with a timid bang and answered by a salvo of crackers, the Chinese New Year will be ushered in. From then on, the Colony will rock and roll to the creptation of squibs and the detonation of thunder-flashes. So, since time immemorial have the Chinese heralded their New Year.

In the ancient days, when China was at leisure and the Dragon throne held the country in feudal bondage, such ancient customs were well adjusted to ancient usages, but since China has awakened from its long sleep, it has frowned upon the indiscriminate use of the festive firecracker in modern surroundings.

We can well recall ourselves the first Chinese New Year celebrated under the new regime, and with our Chinese friends felt a little sad to see the passing of an old custom, yet respecting the wisdom of the new government who banished entirely the firework from the highways where a carelessly thrown cracker would endanger life and limb.

HERE, in Hongkong, where ancient customs rub elbows with modern civilisation, authority is loath to interfere with cherished usages, but at the same time both the Chinese and the Europeans agreed that some control must be observed in the interest of personal safety. It is somewhat amusing to look back at an editorial written by the Friend of China over a hundred years ago in reply to an indignant European who had been thrown from his horse in Queen's-road, after the poor beast had been frightened by a string of crackers thrown under its feet.

Writing on February 7, 1849, the Editor said that the discharge of crackers was necessary to secure good fortune, but went on to say: "...but the abuse complained of is quite different. We witnessed personally a mass of burning crackers thrown the whole width of Queen's-road so as to light in front of a rider."

WE would suggest that the position is much the same today, save that the danger of exploding fireworks upon our highways has increased a thousandfold. To throw a lighted cracker in a person's face is not celebrating the arrival of the New Year, it is the action of a fool and a criminal fool at that.

To throw a lighted cracker through the window of a motor car is a criminal action, and we cannot imagine any responsible person in Hongkong, whether Chinese or European, having it otherwise.

And as we celebrate one another's customs, we find that the faults are by no means one-sided. If in the back streets of Victoria, we find the oaf dropping a cracker in a car, so we find the young foreigner out throwing indiscriminately at the bus drivers in Kowloon Tong, or running short of buses, amusing themselves by frightening dogs.

This must not be. We urge the police to prosecute these people with the utmost severity. By all means let there be salvoes of joy within the curfew period; but the indiscriminate discharge of crackers must not be permitted.

Red rocket more than 100,000 miles from earth SPACESHIP ON WAY TO VENUS

**Soviet Union three
years ahead
in planet race**

Moscow, Feb. 13.

The Russian spaceship which was launched on Sunday is now more than 100,000 miles from the earth and if all goes well it will approach Venus about May 15. This will give man his first contact with the other planets.

GAS SUPPLY AT REDUCED PRESSURE

The overall gas supply to Hongkong island is being maintained today at reduced pressure as a result of a burst gas main in Queen's-road East near Gresson-street.

The gas main sprang a leak shortly before 11 pm yesterday and caught fire.

The fire was said to have been caused by a street urchin who let off a firecracker nearby. Workers today began repairing the burst gas main.

A spokesman for the Hongkong and China Gas Co. Ltd. said this morning the repair work is expected to be completed within 24 hours as from noon today.

A Government spokesman said the section of the road affected is now open to west-bound traffic only.

"This traffic restriction is likely to continue for the next few days until damage to the gas main has been repaired."

The fire was put out at 8.24 am today, he said.

KIDNAPPED BANKER: LATEST NEWS

There is no further news on the Police search for the kidnappers of the missing Chinese banker, Mr Wong Sik-pun.

Reports that a letter demanding money had been sent to the family before the kidnapping met with the following official comment today: "The Government knows nothing about the alleged letter."

The remainder of the Wong family are reported to have evacuated their residence at 13 Perkins-road and have left only an agent behind.

Meanwhile, Mr Wong's tenth son, Wong Yim-shi, editor of a small town newspaper in America, is said to be returning to Hongkong to take over control of the family business.

New post for Duke of Kent

London, Feb. 12.

The Duke of Kent takes up a post as assistant to the Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Field Marshal Sir Francis Festing, tomorrow after two and a half years as a captain in the Royal Scots Greys in Germany.

—China Mail Special.

Fatal

South Charleston, Feb. 13.

Mr James Franklin Cobbs, 82, minister of the Church of Christ, was stricken fatally by an apparent heart attack as he conducted a funeral service on Sunday.

Mr Cobbs' last words, according to a funeral home attendant, were: "We never know who might be next."—AP.

The Soviet Union orbited a new "heavy" Sputnik carrying a 1,415-pound piggy back spaceship which was detached on command from earth and sent on an interplanetary flight to Venus with a Soviet flag in its nose on Sunday.

The formal Tass announcement was made when the spaceship was almost 100,000 miles from earth. It was an unprecedented shot, made three years ahead of the planned U.S. planet probe and it won cheers from Western scientists as a "fantastic demonstration of rocketry."

This could be a bid by the Soviet Union—which has already photographed the hidden side of the moon—to photograph earth's mystery neighbour, always hidden behind a veil of clouds.

Near future

A Moscow broadcast said in December 1959, that Russian scientists hoped "in the very near future" to photograph Venus and Mars.

The Tass announcement did not give the weight of the heavy satellite orbiting the earth—but it is believed here that it might have been a Sputnik like the one launched a week ago. Little has since been said of that space probe.

The flying space station has on board pennants with the emblem of the Soviet Union. These are presumably similar to those scattered on the face of the moon.

The space station's flight is being observed from a special centre somewhere in the Soviet Union.

Tass said that the 1,420-lb space station will "carry out a programme of physical observations in outer space."

Tass said that the station will also:

- ★ 1.—Check ways of putting a space body in an inter-planetary trajectory;
- ★ 2.—Check radio communication distances, and the guiding of a space station, and
- ★ 3.—Check more exactly the size of the solar system.

The announcement hailed the launching as "blazing the first path to planets of the solar system."

Normal

It said equipment on board the station, last reported to be nearly 79,000 miles out in space, was "functioning normally."

It said the station was "closely following its planned path."

Last year Professor Nikolai Barbashev, a Soviet astronomer, wrote in a Soviet journal that recent discoveries appeared to show Venus was now in the stage represented by the carboniferous period on earth, and that life might be just appearing there in forms unknown on earth.

This conflicted with a report to the American Association for the Advancement of Science in December 1959 which said Venus was far too hot for life—any lakes or seas on its surface would be of molten metal.

America has tried and failed to send up Pioneer satellites to orbit Venus.

Earth's twin

Venus, often called the earth's twin since it is nearly the same size and comes closer to the earth than any other planet, has long been one of the most puzzling of the heavenly bodies.

The actual surface of the planet is permanently hidden by an all-concealing atmosphere and what knowledge has been obtained is very fragmentary—though there are many conflicting theories.

Apart from the moon, the planet Venus is the nearest to earth. It can approach to within 25 million miles in its orbit round the sun while Mars is always more than 34 million miles away.

Venus—the "evening star"—is currently on one of its closest approaches to the earth.

It is closer to the sun than the earth and at its most brilliant it is far superior to any object in the sky except the sun and moon.

The question of whether there is life there has long perplexed scientists. Many astronomers believe that the planet is a hot dusty desert without a scrap of moisture. Other views are that the entire surface is covered with water, or that it is covered in ice.

The only relatively definite information has come from investigations of the atmosphere surrounding the planet.

Failed

These investigations have so far failed to detect water vapour or free oxygen but have shown that the atmosphere round the planet is extremely rich in carbon dioxide gas.

This gives weight to the "greenhouse" theory with the sun's heat blanketed in so that the surface temperature of the planet would be very high.

This would also indicate that planet life could not be abundant. In fact there is no proof that plants exist at all.

Also the present evidence indicates that men could not exist on Venus and animal life in any form would appear out of the question.

Generally it is felt that Venus is a world where life has not developed though there is always the chance that if the water theory is correct the oceans of Venus might contain primitive creatures of the sort which flourished in the earth's own seas more than 500 million years ago.

Long time

The advantage of firing the Venus probe from an orbiting satellite instead of direct from earth comes in the nature of the power drive that can be used.

To fire a heavy object from earth requires a vast initial power surge to counteract the effect of gravity. Because the fuel used is itself part of the load to be raised, this has to be a shortlived burst of terrific power.

But to direct an object on a journey away from a body already in orbit, and therefore free from gravity, only a relatively small amount of power is needed. Thus an object fired from a satellite can be given a gradual, and correspondingly longer lived, power surge.

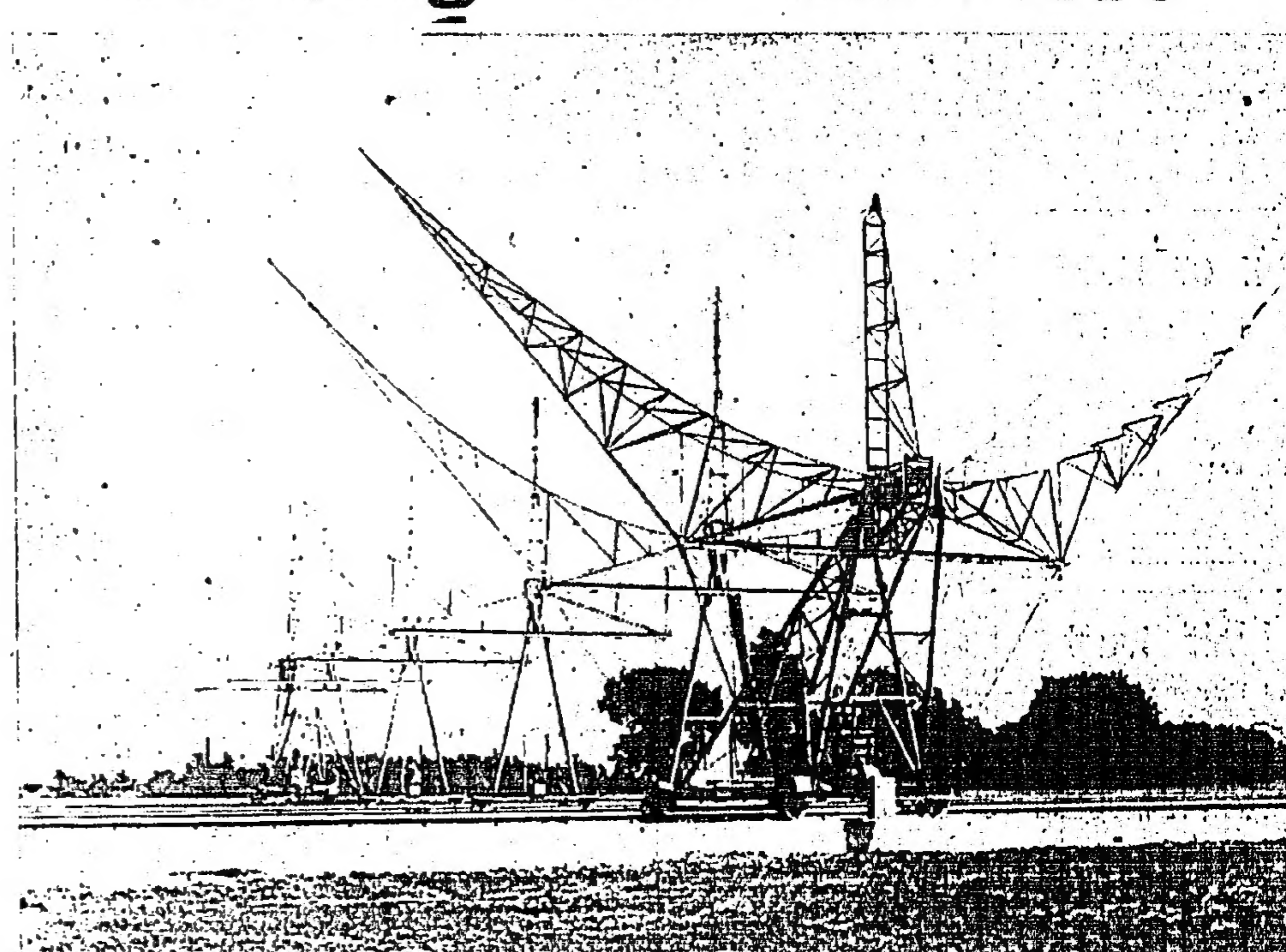
This ability to remain under power for a long time, even at a low rate of acceleration, is particularly valuable for changing course and changing speed.

On long journeys a continuous small increase in acceleration can produce a greater final speed than a sharp but brief initial surge.—UPI & Reuter.

Windsor, Feb. 12.

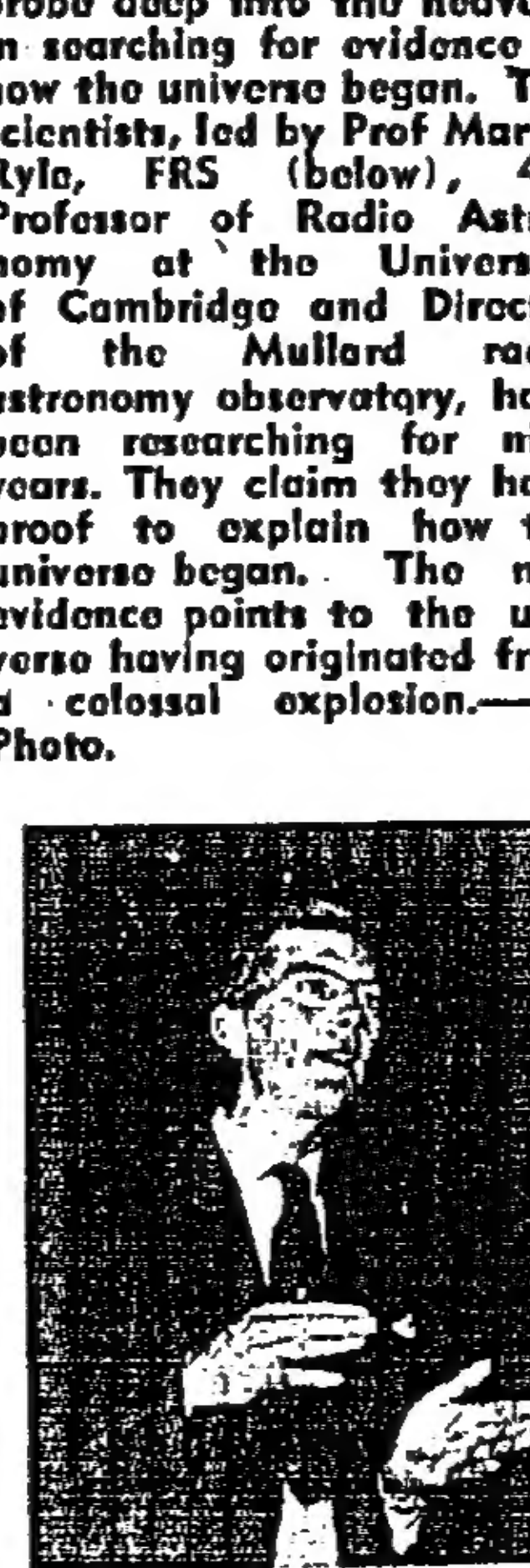
Prince Charles, 12-year-old heir to the throne, is convalescing at the Royal Palace here after an attack of measles. He arrived here from his school at nearby Cheam yesterday.—Reuter.

Probing the universe



The moving aerial and railway tracks of the radio star interferometer, or aerial, at the Mullard radio astronomy observatory in Cambridge, which was used by a team of six scientists to probe deep into the heavens in searching for evidence of how the universe began.

The scientists, led by Prof Martin Ryle, FRS (below), 42, Professor of Radio Astronomy at the University of Cambridge and Director of the Mullard radio astronomy observatory, have been researching for nine years. They claim they have proof to explain how the universe began. The now evidence points to the universe having originated from a colossal explosion.—AP Photo.



Lion kills trainer's saviour

Bordeaux, Feb. 12.

A young lioness, "Rita," who saved her trainer's life last year when he was attacked and mauled by a 14-year-old lion named "Atlas" during a circus performance, has been killed by Atlas.

The lion pushed through a gate between their cages which had not been properly locked and killed the four-year-old lioness.

Circus officials said they believed Atlas had hated the lioness ever since she had saved the trainer's life and had taken the first opportunity of revenge.—China Mail Special.

BELGIAN ENVOY AND WIFE ESCAPE INJURY

Cairo, Feb. 12.

The Belgian Ambassador Maurice Iweins Deekhouette and his wife narrowly escaped injury and possibly death today when a mob of pro-Lumumba African students hurled heavy stones through windows of the Ambassador's office.

About 300 pro-Lumumba African students attacked the embassy with stones and overturned a sentry box in an apparent protest against the rumoured death of Congo Premier Patrice Lumumba in dissident Katanga Province.

Eyewitnesses estimated the crowd at ranging between 50 and 300. The students marched on the embassy this morning shortly after overturning the sentry box before the front gate. They stoned the embassy with stones nearly half the size of a man's head and tried to climb a grilled fence surrounding the compound.

In office

The ambassador and wife were in his office fronting the street windows. The hall of stones barely missed the ambassador and his wife.

Police eventually persuaded the students to leave the embassy premises.

One Egyptian source said the police arrested 15 demonstrators, visibly shaken by the incident. Ambassador Deekhouette received three reporters after the troubles and showed them his shattered office.

Two full length windows facing the street were shattered and the office floor was littered with broken glass and stones.

Showed scars

Even walls on the opposite side showed scars of the stoning. "I was sitting at my desk working and my wife was in that chair," the ambassador explained pointing to a chair with its back to the window. The chair was covered with glass and stones and on the floor beside it was a heavy stone.

"I have asked for a meeting with the Foreign Minister and naturally shall make a protest," the ambassador said.—AP.

Handless driver passes test

London, Feb. 12.

A man with no hands passed his driving test at the first attempt in a modified car. He was Mr Bert Young, 40, of Tormarton, Gloucester, who since birth has had no left arm and a 12-inch stump for a right arm.

He had 20 hours of instruction from a driving school before taking the test.

The steering wheel was adapted to fit his stump, and gear brakes and ignition were modified.

Mr Young has played cricket and darts, and delivers newspapers on a bicycle.—China Mail Special.

Strip hoax

Middlesbrough, Feb. 12.

"You are polio contacts," said the cultured voice on the telephone. "Please take off your clothes and wait for a visit from a medical officer."

At least four of the women who answered the phone last night stripped and sat waiting—until it began to dawn on them that the call was a hoax, and the caller was not the assistant medical officer, as he said he was.—UPI.

HK man seeks Japanese who helped him

Tokyo, Feb. 13. A Hongkong businessman has asked the Mainichi newspaper to help him find a Japanese who cared for him when he was stricken with an almost fatal illness during World War II.

Chang Chung-chung, assistant manager of a Hongkong textile factory, said: "Asao Kawashima saved his life by getting him into a Japanese Army Hospital and supplying him with food and medicine."

Chang visited Japan on business recently. He said Kawashima was a civilian employee of the Japanese occupation army during the war. He said he had been looking for the man since 1945.—UPI.

Dynamite suicide

Tokyo, Feb. 13. A Japanese lumberjack and his sweetheart used dynamite to commit suicide during the night because they couldn't get married, police reported on Sunday. They said Kyoze Miyazawa, 23, left a note explaining that he and Miss Aiko Noto, 19, farmer's daughter, were dying together because their parents were opposed to their marriage.

The blast shattered windows and the door of a second floor bedroom in Kyoze's elder brother's home.—AP.

Dishonest

Bristol, Feb. 12. Disbelieving thieves saw a sign outside a mineral water factory here reading: "Notice to intending intruders. Do not waste your time and energy breaking into these premises. We bank all cash daily. No cash is left on the premises overnight."

The gang broke in and this morning it was discovered they had driven off in a lorry with a two and half hundred weight safe containing about £70 and all the employees' insurance cards.—China Mail Special.

'I don't want to be a Gary Cooper' GALVAO TO STAR IN FILM

Story of the Santa Maria piracy

Rio de Janeiro, Feb. 12. The "pirate captain" Henrique Galvao, who engineered the high seas seizure of the Portuguese liner Santa Maria last month, will play the leading role in a film on the episode, it was learned here today.

A Mexican producer was expected here on Friday to sign up Galvao for the hero's role in the adventure to be filmed in Mexico. Galvao declared "The only thing I ask is that they do not transform me into a Gary Cooper."



CAPT. GALVAO

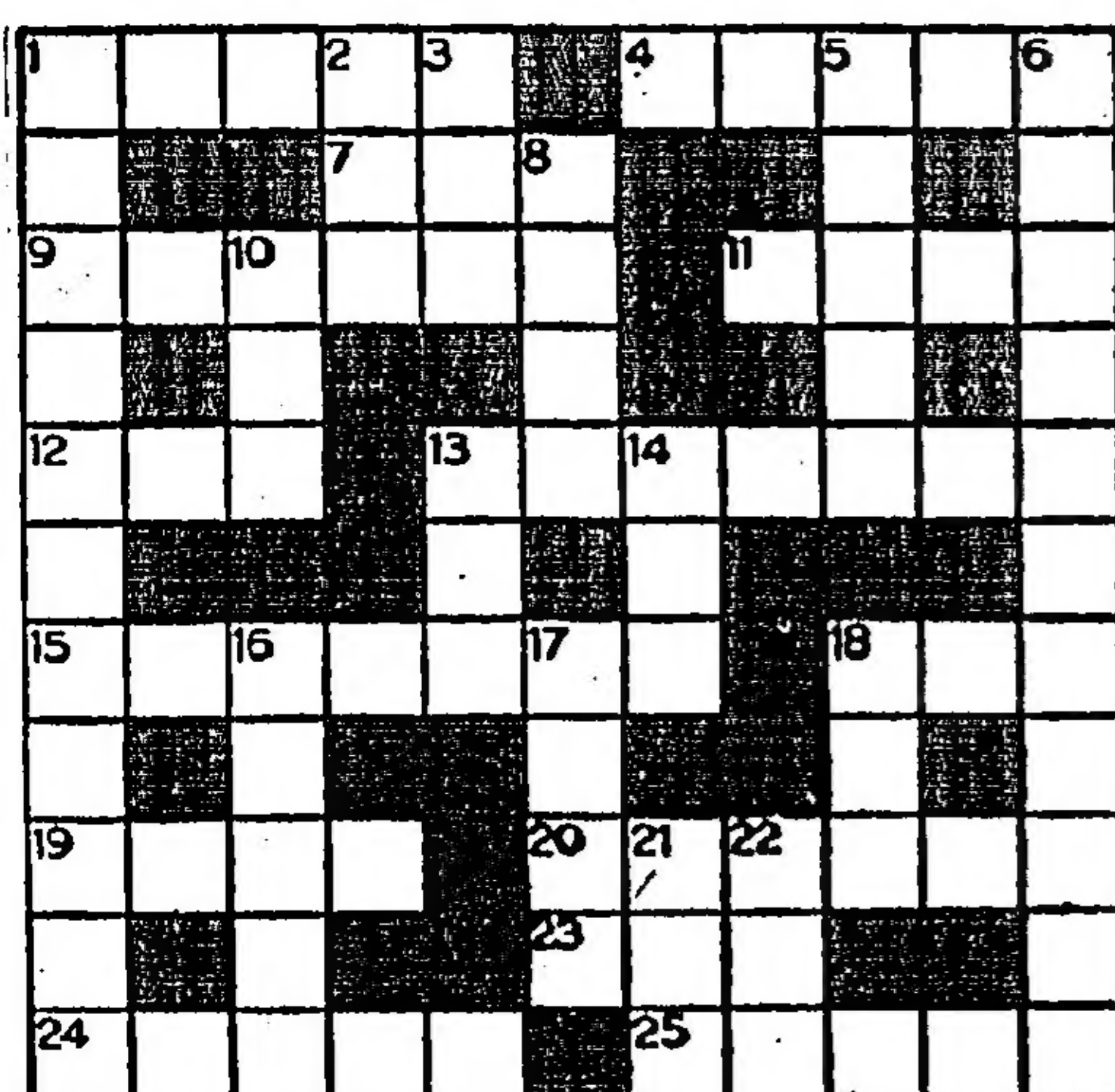
Funeral of Queen's aunt

Edinburgh, Feb. 11. The Queen Mother today attended the funeral of her sister, Lady Elphinstone, who died at her home, Carberry Towers, on Wednesday.

A small crowd watched the Queen Mother arrive at St. Peter's Church, Musselburgh, where Dr. K. C. H. Warner, the Bishop of Edinburgh, conducted the service.

Among the mourners were Lord Elphinstone and the Reverend Andrew Elphinstone, Lady Elphinstone's sons, the Honourable Elizabeth Elphinstone, her daughter, and Sir David Bower-Lyon, her brother. A wreath was sent on behalf of Queen Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh, who are in Pakistan.—China Mail Special.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1 Naps.
- 2 Clean.
- 3 Clear.
- 4 Desert.
- 11 Tie.
- 12 Thrust.
- 13 Reinstated.
- 14 Thronged.
- 15 Started.
- 16 Measures.
- 20 Condiment.
- 23 Female.
- 24 City.
- 25 Has on.

DOWN

- 1 Scandalous.
- 2 Epoch.
- 3 Title.
- 4 Composition.
- 6 Insects.
- 8 Stupor.
- 10 Buzz.
- 13 Stile.
- 14 Melancholy.
- 16 Fat.
- 17 Every.
- 18 Bird.
- 21 Cut.
- 22 Wrath.

SATURDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1 Sorio, 5 Draws, 9 The, 10 Equal, 11 Aimed, 12 Ewe, 13 Boo, 14 Apt, 15 Cut, 16 Vanish, 21 Even, 22 Oval, 23 Dredge, 24 Bee, 31 Ode, 32 Ida, 34 Roy, 35 Sillas, 37 Speak, 38 Ere, 39 Stead, 40 Sided. Down: 1 Stable, 2 Ohio, 3 Remove, 4 Sedan, 5 Duets, 6 Raw, 7 Alec, 8 Shot, 10 Pined, 17 Una, 19 And, 20 Hog, 22 Vie, 24 Velled, 25 Leased, 27 Roped, 28 Dents, 29 Bags, 30 Erre, 33 Dare, 35 Ape.

Liberals oppose S. Africa

London, Feb. 12. A Liberal Party meeting here has approved a resolution calling on the Government to refuse "any application for re-admission to membership of the Commonwealth" by South Africa.

The Government should do this "in view of the racial policies pursued by the South African Government and the manner in which the referendum upon the republican status was carried out."

Mr. Thomas Kelloch, who hopes to join the party's six Members of Parliament as the representative of Torquay at the next election, said Britain was being asked to admit to this "free association of nations," a country with a policy of "downright slavery."

"Would we admit Spain, Portugal and Russia into the Commonwealth? The policy of the Union of South Africa is as despicable, if not far worse than these," said Mr. Kelloch.

He said those who spoke for the Africans were asking for Britain to oppose South Africa's re-admission.—China Mail Special.

Scientific group

Auckland, Feb. 12. A scientific party of eight men, led by Albert T. Gray and conducted by the University of Wisconsin, arrived at the South Pole today after a 1,200-mile journey from McMurdo Sound.

A New Zealand Press Association message from Christchurch says the journey took 65 days. The party is the seventh of any nationality to make the overland journey to the Pole, and the second to arrive this season.—AP.

HK GIRL'S SHOP

English women take to the cheongsam

London, Feb. 12. The Chinese woman's slit-skirted cheongsam is becoming popular with women here, thanks to Miss Katherine Sung, a Chinese dress designer from Hongkong.

Miss Sung, who opened a shop in London's fashionable Knights Bridge district last April, was afraid English women might consider the slinky cheongsam with its side slits too revealing.

Instead, she found some customers wanted their slits cut higher than she considered proper.

"I think they got their ideas from the film, 'Suzie Wong,' in which most of the girls are prostitutes," Miss Sung told me. "No decent Chinese girl would wear such exaggerated slits."

CERTAIN MINIMUM

A few customers do ask for only a little slit and Miss Sung has to persuade them that a certain minimum is essential for comfort in walking and sitting.

Miss Sung first came to London on holiday a year ago and decided to stay.

"I had my own fashion business in Hongkong, too," she said. "The funny thing is that there I made mostly European clothes because that was what my customers wanted."

Her customers here — they include English film actress Ann Todd — choose cheongsams mainly for party and cocktail wear or for daytime wear in summer.

Prices range from £5 for a simple cotton cheongsam to £100 for one fur-lined to keep out the English cold.

Miss Sung herself prefers the cheongsam to European dress. "I have several fur-lined ones," she said.—China Mail Special.

More drinking

Wiesbaden, Feb. 12. Every West German above the age of 16 drank an average of 211 pints of beer last year—five per cent more than in the previous year—according to the Federal Statistics Office.—China Mail Special.

SPY SUSPECT WAS ON TO A GOOD THING

El Paso, Feb. 12.

Gordon A. Lonsdale, accused of being the mastermind of a British spy ring that came to light in England last week, wrote to an El Paso family on a 1958 Christmas card that he was involved in something "fantabulous."

He did not elaborate and the family never heard from him again.

Lonsdale and four others are accused in London of betraying British naval secrets to Moscow. Capt. Raymond K. Straw Jr. and his wife were in a party touring the Continent in 1955 when Lonsdale joined their group in Brussels.

The Straws were living at a Royal Air Force base where Lonsdale later visited them on two occasions, the last just before they returned to the United States with their three children in early 1957.

"He was short, stocky, good-natured and full of fun," Mrs. Straw recalled. "He had an alert mind and was always thinking of angles, such as where he could get things cheaper."

After they returned to England, Lonsdale attended the University of London studying Chinese, the Straws said.

He told them his interest in Chinese stemmed from having lived near Chinatown in San Francisco while a child.—AP.

Monroe 'unchanged'

New York, Feb. 12.

Marilyn Monroe remained in Presbyterian Hospital here today with her condition reported "unchanged."

The actress entered there earlier in the weekend for a rest and physical check-up.—AP.

BATTLE IN ORAN STREET

Oran, Feb. 12. Police and insurgents fought a machinegun battle in a crowded Oran street tonight.

One insurgent was killed and two others captured. Several passers-by narrowly escaped being hit by bullets.

Police said later that three members of the insurgent FLN (National Liberation Front) had driven into a European section of Oran intending to carry out terrorist acts. Police and security force had been tipped off, and were waiting for them.

When the insurgents saw the police they took flight. Two of them were captured immediately but the third escaped into a courtyard from which he opened fire, narrowly missing passers-by.

Police returned his fire and immediately killed him.—Reuter.

QUICK THINKER

Chicopee, Mass., Feb. 12.

Quick-thinking three-year-old Dianne Chouinard saved the life of her two-year-old sister, Denise who had stuffed a button up her nose and was suffocating. Dianne climbed onto a cupboard, grabbed a pepper pot and shook it over her sister who gave a mighty sneeze—and out popped the button.—China Mail Special.

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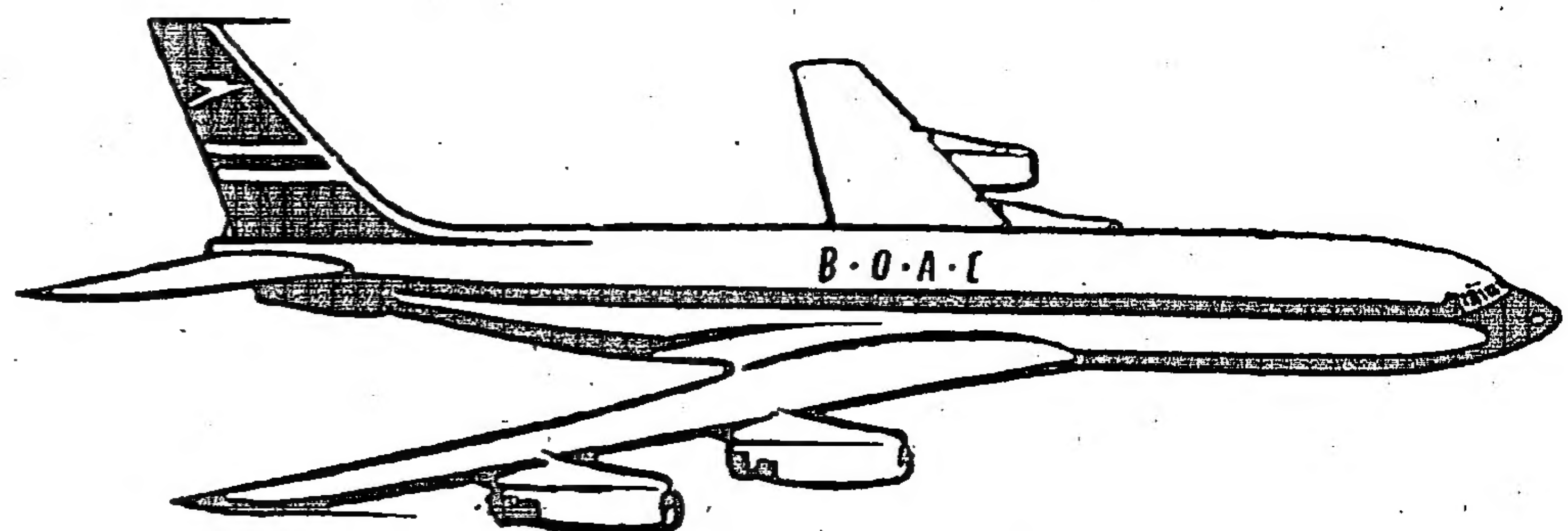
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London, Feb. 12.
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THE RICH MAN, 51-year-old Julius Neville Davis—he and his wife have an income of £47,000 a year—admitted tax-dodging.

THE JUDGE was faced with this dilemma: Should Davis be fined or jailed?

Confessed Judge Aarvold, who has been at the Old Bailey since 1954: "This case has presented me the most difficult problem I've had to face since I have sat in this court."

He had been told of Davis's splendid record of service to the community—"all his time was given up to public activities," said one witness.

But Davis, married to a woman whose father left £1,080,540, made false statements in his tax returns. Over six years he understated the combined income of himself and his wife by £14,000.

In that way he evaded £7,500 tax, which has since been paid. Said the judge to Davis: "Although you are a man of very great advantages, with fine position and wealth, you were prepared to sell your honour for about six per cent of the combined income of yourself and your wife."

"That is a matter which defies understanding. You then unburdened yourself and made a complete disclosure. That stands to your credit. Taking all these matters into account, I have come to the conclusion that my duty does not force me to send you to jail."

So he imposed a fine of £25,000, or 12 months' jail. And retired stockbroker Davis, of Stoke Mandeville, a former Buckinghamshire councillor, was given two months to pay.

Mr Victor Durand, Q.C., defending, said that most of the undisclosed income related to Mrs Davis—"a woman of extreme wealth."

Davis, he went on, was 33 years on the Stock Exchange and a man whose character was beyond reproach. Now he was deeply ashamed of himself and his health had suffered.

Mr Durand explained that the tax frauds started when Davis became a public figure because the revenue disallowed a claim for bank charges to which he was entitled. In some warped way he decided to get back.

The judge was told by Colonel Leonard T. Tuckey, deputy lieutenant of Buckinghamshire, that Davis had served as a county councillor, rural councillor, and was on the management committee of a number of hospitals.

He is now a ruined man as regards his work in Buckinghamshire," said Colonel Tuckey. Forty-four-year-old Mrs Davis—she married in 1940—was not at the Old Bailey.

She said at her home: "My husband said he preferred to face the music alone. I expect the fine will be paid out of our joint capital."

"Julius always worked very hard for the hospitals and every-one has been most kind to us since all his income tax trouble started. We have not been ostracised in any way."

"I never paid any attention to money matters. I left all that to my husband."—London Express Service.

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THE LOWER LEVELS

My pet hates

Readers may sometimes wonder why this column so frequently takes a pot at the scientists or the members of the medical profession. The answer is simple. They've become too profound and serious—and need taking down a peg or two.

There are hundreds of syndicated columns with titles ranging from the simple "Health Hints" to horrors such as "Let's Examine Your Mind" and nearly all seem specifically designed to make hypochondriacs of us all.

I'm quite prepared to acknowledge the usefulness of basic instructions in first aid—which way to pour out the water from somebody drowning, how to lay back a bit of skull after a car crash, or how to make an emergency delivery of triplets on a double-decker bus.

But I certainly don't go for these intimate self-to-self questionnaires which end up with the quick triumphant telling you: "If you've diagnosed yourself according to the instructions, then you're falling to bits with a bad case of highly contagious periclititis."

TWINGES?
"Do you feel occasional twinges behind the left, neck? Is this followed by hot and cold flushes accompanied by severe itching of the sternum? If so, call an ambulance and rush to the nearest leprosy hospital. You've got it, brother—and how!"

By casually glancing through the newspapers, anybody can acquire a brand new disease every second. I learn how to live with epilepsies or amuse friends by performing your St Vitus Dance to the two-four rhythm of a tomtom.

I've got to many things wrong with me that I don't even have time to be sick. And with tomorrow's papers will come a fresh batch of symptoms—all perfectly applicable to my very own decrepit carcass.

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Malayan newsletter from Gordon Hung

A shortage of traditional foodstuffs for the New Year

Singapore (By Airmail).
The Chinese New Year is practically upon us and this year will be noted for shortages of various "must" foodstuffs in Singapore and Malaya, while some foodstuffs will not be available at all.

Most of the Chinese delicacies come from Communist China and because of crop failures there, shipments to Malaya have been curtailed. But the shortages have been offset somewhat by shipments of the traditional cuts for the Chinese New Year from Taiwan.

The arrival of 30,000 cases of oranges and 10,000 crates of vegetables from Taiwan last week pushed the price of these scarce commodities down. The goods that are coming from China are being sold below last year's price but there is not enough of it to go around and it is expected as Chinese New Year's Eve approaches the "must" products will all but disappear from the market.

Fresh olive, supposed by tradition to promote harmony, will be completely absent from the tin-bits tray in Chinese homes here this year.

Not one olive has been available from China this year because of crop failures.

LEAN TIMES
Another thing of note this year is the diminished purchasing power of the public.

Gold ornaments and jewellery, buying has been going through lean times this year and there has not been the usual pre-Chinese New Year rush at goldsmith shops.

In Singapore at least, the Year of the Ox will be less noisy than previous years. The Government has slashed the import quota of fireworks from 40,000 pounds last year to only 22,000 pounds this year.

A Customs spokesman said the cut in the quota was to prevent the people from "wasting too much money" on fireworks and to put a curb on too noisy celebrations.

Already this year the Customs has seized two large shipments of crackers being brought into Singapore in cases marked "Preserved Food" from Hongkong.

It is understood that the last shipment of 448 cases valued at \$100,000 was declined to be smuggled into the Federation where the import of crackers is prohibited.

The Federation Customs has already seized over a half a dozen sampans which were trying to smuggle crackers into the Federation from Singapore.

One sidelight of the Chinese New Year celebration is the mysterious shortage of coins in the Federation.

The shortage came to light when a number of Chinese banks made their usual request to government treasuries for coins this year.

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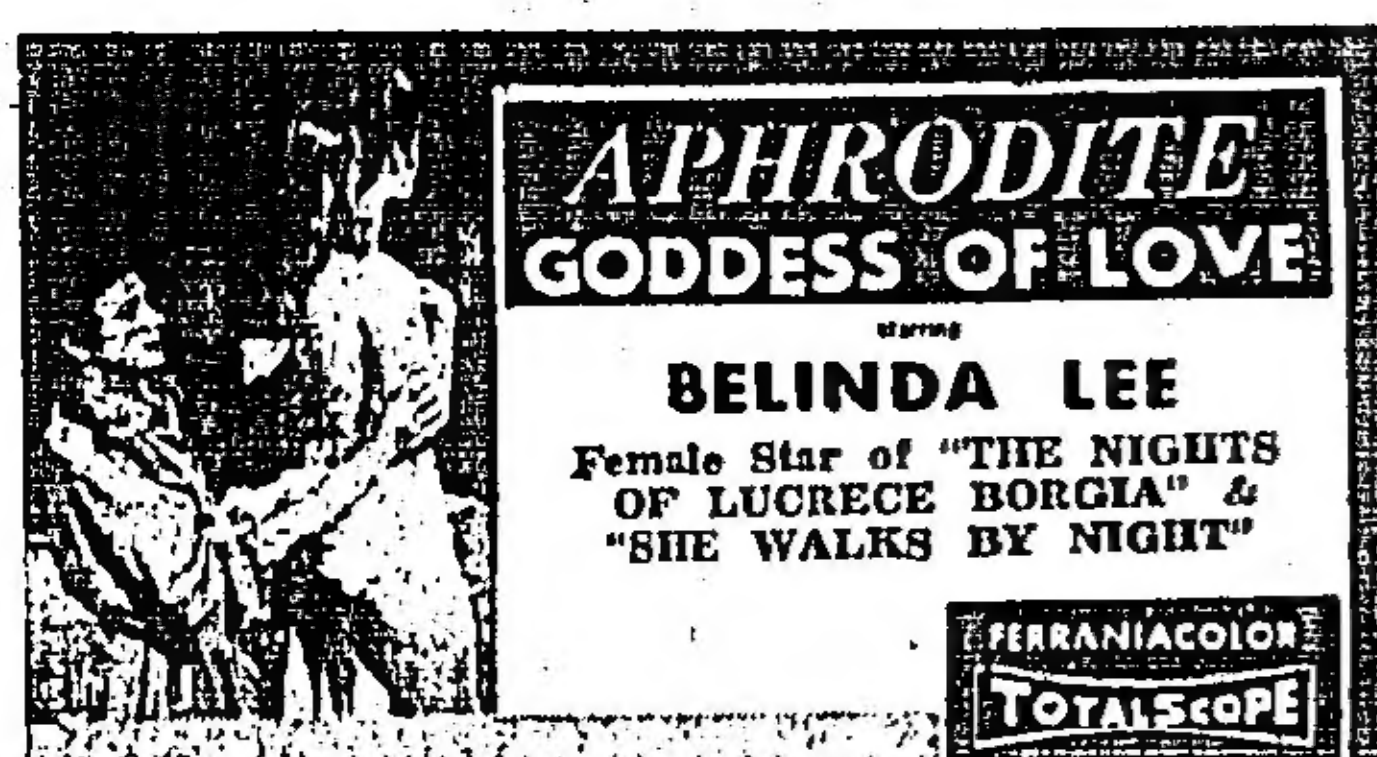
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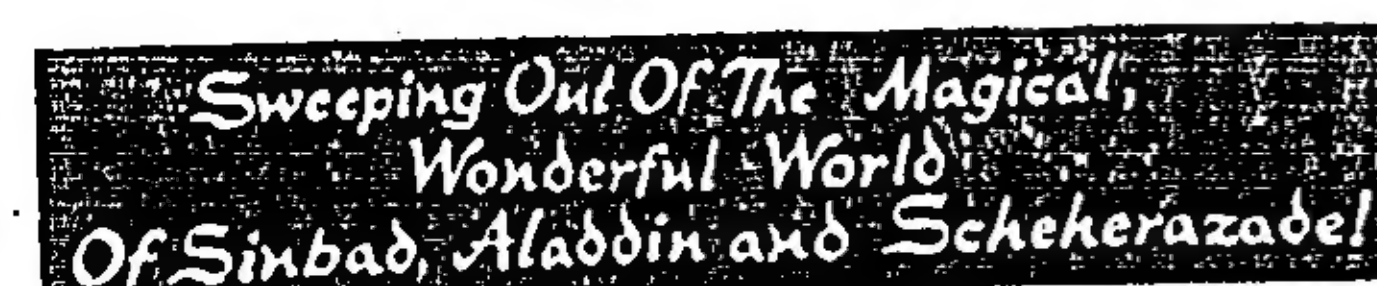
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A 26-year-old student, Ng Chi-kong, alias Ng Wan-chung, of 149, Johnston-road, third floor, was jailed for six months by Mr K. A. S. Phillips at Causeway Bay Court this morning for possession of a forged document, a forged seal and obtaining money by false pretences.

Detective-Inspector G. Martin of the Commercial Crime Branch, said that on January 20, the secretary of the Ng Chi-kong Association reported the discovery of forged lottery tickets.

A day earlier the defendant sold a \$1 lottery ticket to a man outside the S.C.A.A. football stadium.

It was learned that the Ng Chi-kong Association did not issue rich tickets, nor were they holding a ball as mentioned in the tickets.

On January 26 a police party went to the defendant's premises and there they found a rubber seal, and 1,718 unsold tickets. He told police that it cost him \$18 to print the tickets and \$2.50 for the seal.

In mitigation, defence counsel, Mr Edmund Cheung of Edmund Cheung and Chan and Co. said that the defendant was in need of money to pay his school fees amounting to \$180 the first quarter.

That was why he played this foolish game, Mr Cheung added.

Distribution of rice to needy families

The distribution of more than 100,000 lbs of rice in 10-lb and 25-lb packages commenced at the North Point Kaifong Welfare Advancement Association on King's-road this morning.

Long queues of needy families waited in orderly lines under police supervision to receive food parcels which included packets of noodles. Some of the rice came from the United States through CARE and some of the food was bought from proceeds of the Fat Choy drive.

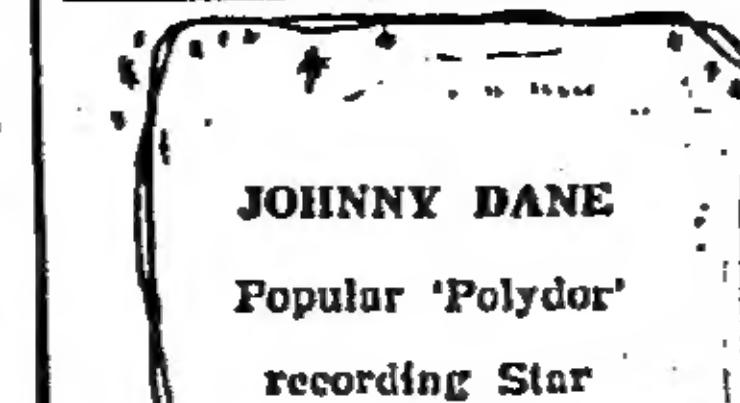
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ELIMAR & LOUISE**Malcuzyński—the greatest pianist to visit Hongkong**

By D. E. GRAY

For the past 20 years "Malcuzyński" has been a very familiar name to all associated with or interested in pianoforte playing. His records, particularly of Chopin, carried his fame to every musical home. A great deal was expected of him when people heard of his visit to Hongkong, and the large and appreciative audience at Keswick Hall last night were not disappointed. I would say unreservedly that he is probably the greatest pianist to ever visit Hongkong.

His programme opened with the Beethoven C Minor 32 Variations. This is not Beethoven in a profound mood, but it put artist and audience in a mood to receive the main work of the first half—the Liszt B Minor Sonata. I can never feel that Liszt is a great composer. But the programme note reminded us this work is "mighty" and "massive in conception and majestic in the treatment of the thematic material", and it requires a pianist of the stature of Malcuzyński to present it adequately.

One thing, of course, marred the performance of this work, a confused squawking pedal in the piano. The pianist having completed the first 6 bars to a descent of squeaks, walked off the stage, and the audience was kept waiting for a 10-minute period during which efforts (presumably) were made to eradicate the trouble. This proved ineffective, and Malcuzyński returned and played the work right through, obviously doing his best to minimise the effect of the dreadful pedal noise.

Artists of his calibre deserve better treatment than this, when they visit Hongkong, and the responsibility for this must fall fairly and squarely on the impresario. He is presenting the concert and it is entirely up to him to give his artist a proper piano to play on.

Greatest

I don't know, but the squeak was cured, and the latter part of the programme we were treated to the greatest Chopin playing I have ever heard. Unlike many pianists who push a few Chopin numbers in at the end of a programme and treat them as tidbits, playing Chopin is a serious business to Malcuzyński. All the romanticism, fire and passion which historians tell us was the characteristic of Chopin's and Liszt's playing seem to have been passed on to this 20th Century artist. Even his personal appearance conjured up visions of Liszt, Paderewski and Chopin himself.

Things which have been regarded as "background" by many seemed to be given a new meaning and purpose in the hands of Malcuzyński. And the odds were against him all the time, for although the piano had a big tone and a lot of depth in the lower register, after a certain point in the upper middle register, there seemed to me to be a section of notes with a peculiar clanging metallic sound.

Let us hope this great artist will favour us with another visit, but let us try to give him better materials to work with on another occasion. Rumour has it that he may be returning after his stay in Japan, and that he has very generously offered to give a concert, presenting the proceeds of it as a suggestion for the founding of a Department of

INDIA'S BIG LOANS FROM WORLD BANK

India has borrowed the largest amount of money from the World Bank, according to Mr C. S. Krishna Moorthi, India's delegate to the international monetary organisation today.

Mr Moorthi, who arrived from Bombay by Air-India en route to his post in Washington, DC, said India had borrowed US\$70 million from the World Bank during the last 10 years.

FINDERS, KEEPERS AMAH IS FINED \$100

A cleaning amah, who found a \$100 note on the ground and kept it, was fined \$100 by Mr T. L. Yang at Causeway Bay Court this morning, for larceny by finding.

The woman, Ho Yuet-kwan, 35, of room 403 of No 58 Blue Pool-road, seventh floor, pleaded guilty.

Inspector S. Y. Lam said that a police constable saw her picking up a red bank-note near the cash-win counter of the public stand at the Royal Hongkong Jockey Club on February 11.

She pocketed the note, and then denied having done so when the owner of the note spoke to her.

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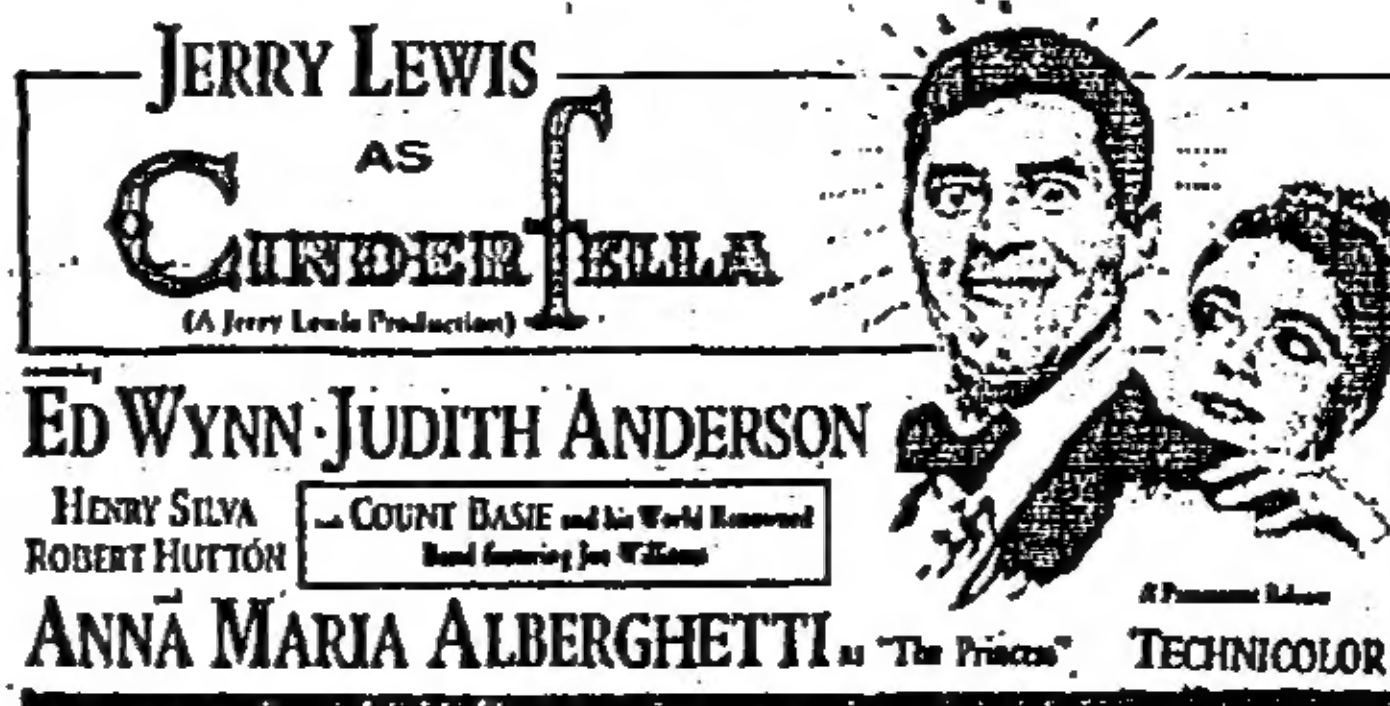
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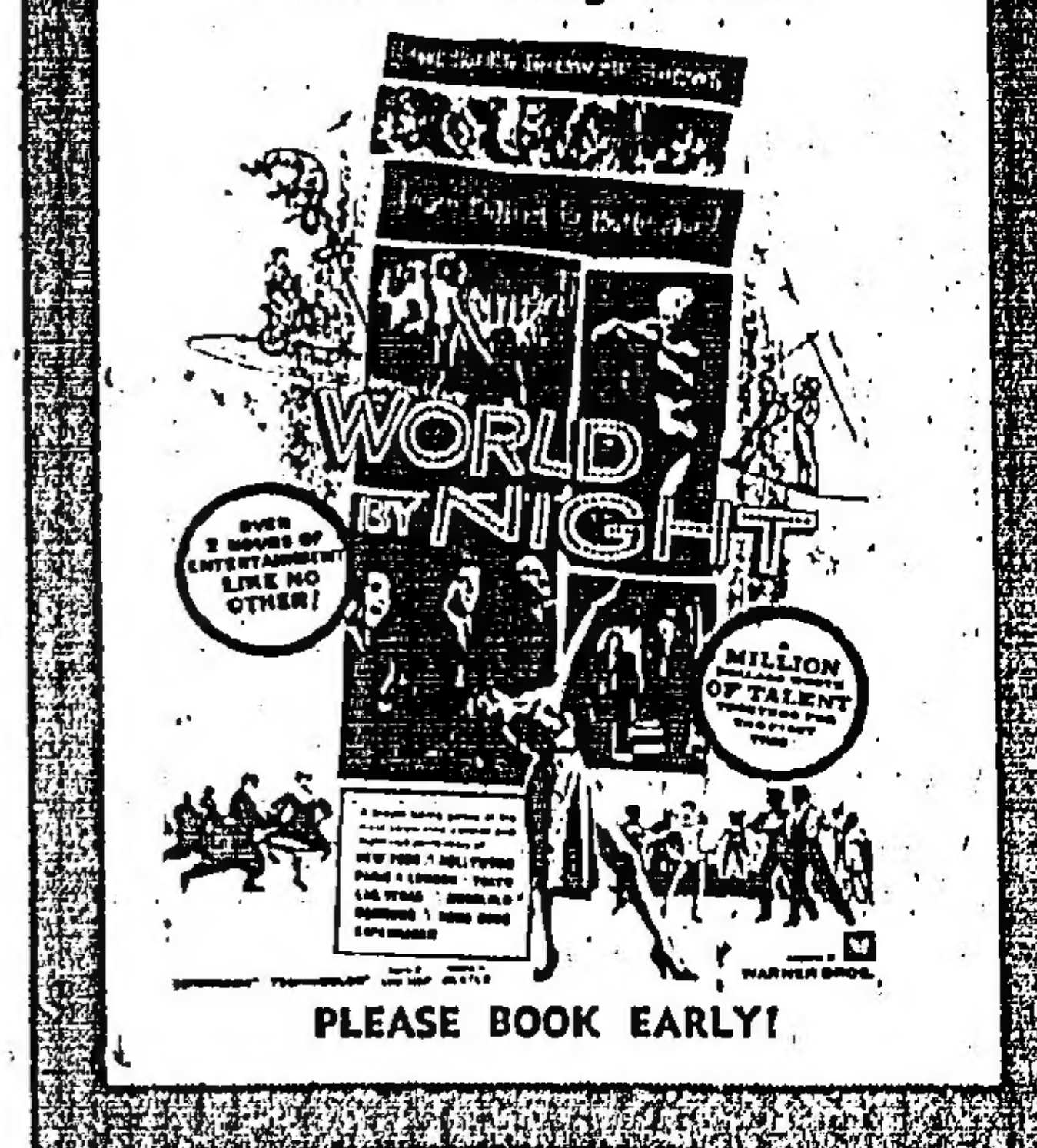
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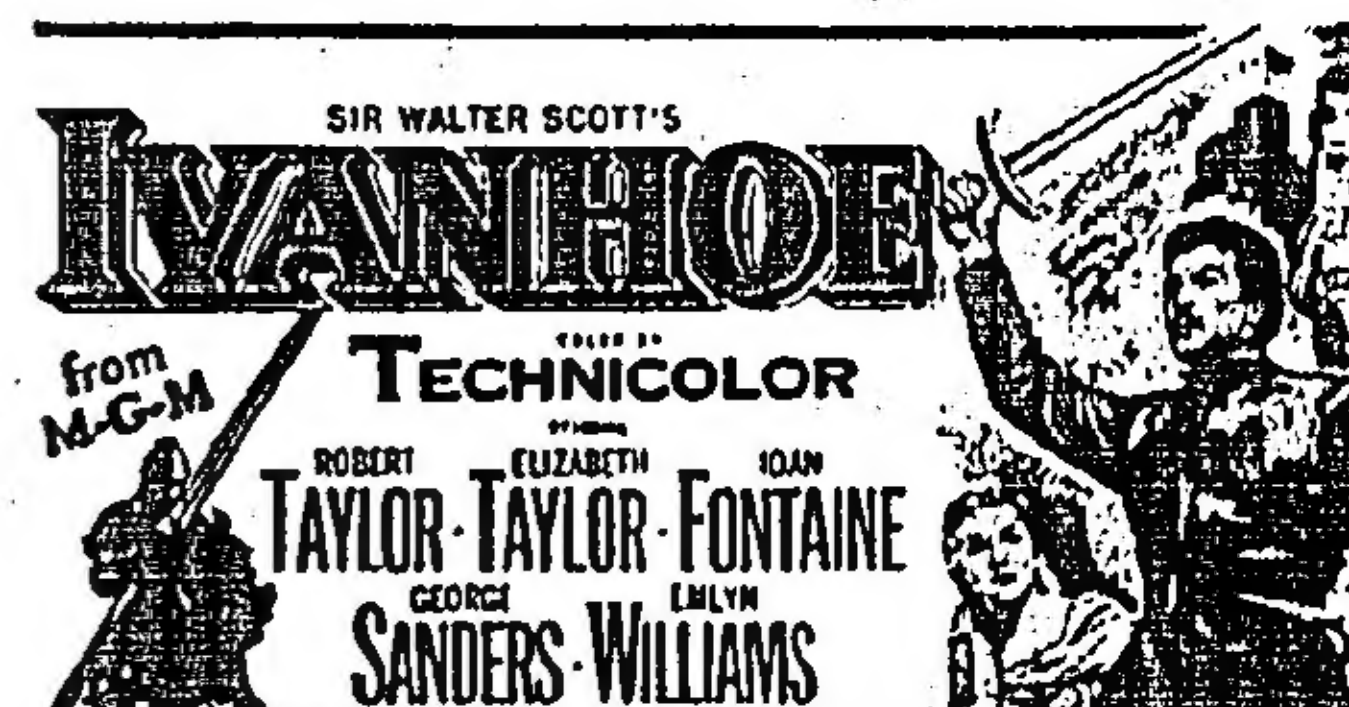
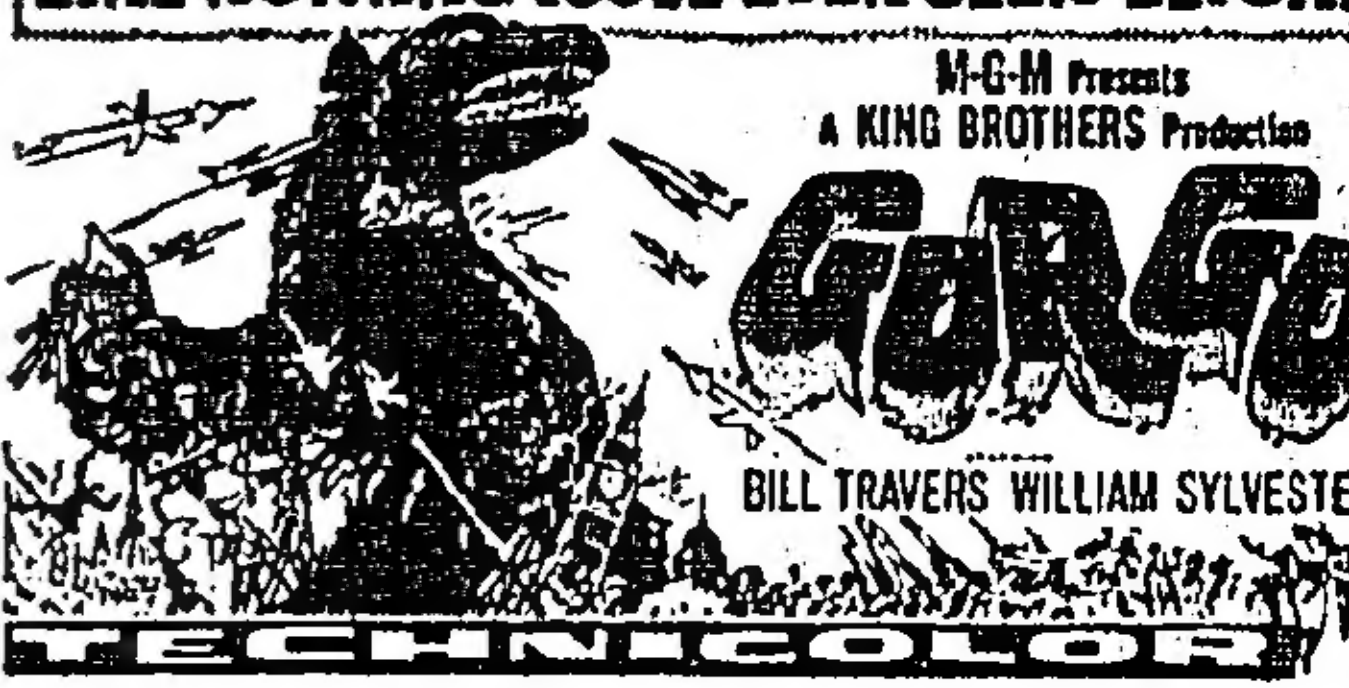
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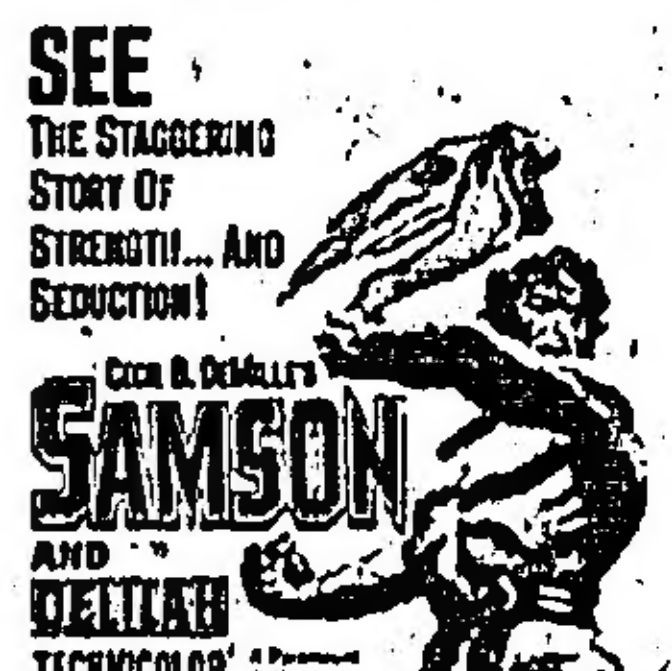
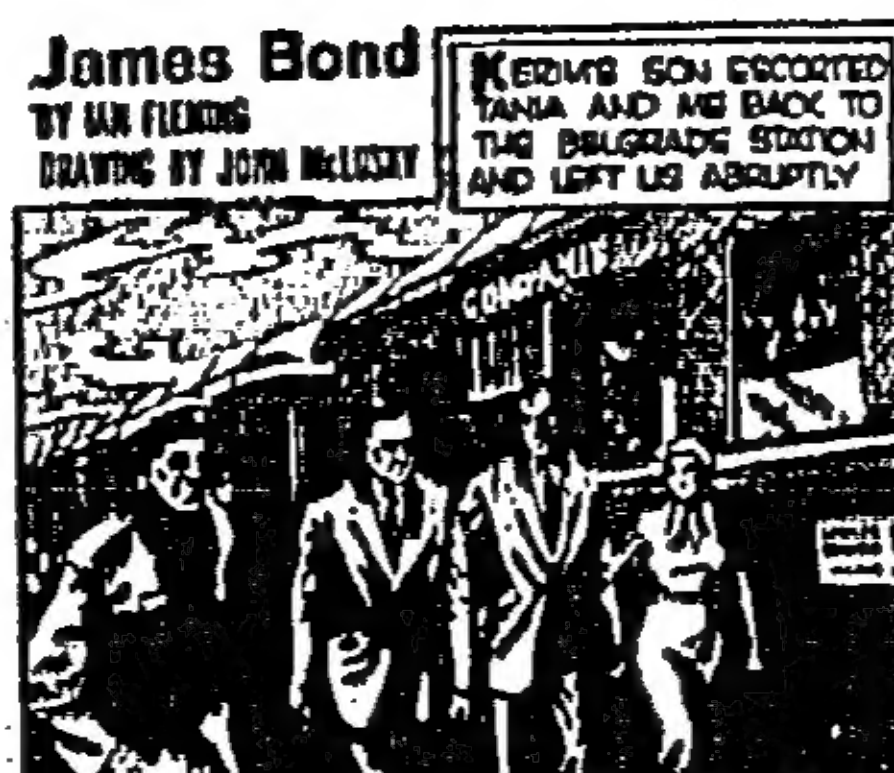
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Poets without Appointment

AT the top of 14 uncarpeted stairs in a Notting Hill mews lives Christopher Logue, poet. "Come up and have a drink," he yelled out of the window. I went up and lay down.

This was obligatory, because Logue owns one typewriter, 500 books, and almost no furniture. I lay on the bed. Logue lay on the floor. The only chair in the room was occupied by Burns Singer, a Scottish poet who chain-smoked cigarettes made out of loose tobacco, and remarked from time to time: "Do ye not find the whisky in London terrible?"

Nobody seems to care about any modern poet nowadays except John Betjeman, who writes agreeably in praise of buttered toast and railway stations, and became a best seller almost by Appointment after Princess Margaret said she liked his verse.

But what are the other fellows up to? How do they live? I got some interesting answers from Logue and Singer, and later from an American, Theodore Roethke, who has actually made poetry pay.

Money

Christopher Logue is a dark, nervous, energetic man of 34. If he were an actor, I would type-cast him as Shakespeare's Iago.

He has published half a dozen books of poetry and achieved a wider reputation when he wrote the lyrics for the Royal Court Theatre musical "The Lily-White Boys."

"I actually made quite good money then," said Logue. "For the eight weeks the show ran I earned £85 a week. But that represented six months' work, don't forget. Average it out and you see I was really getting less than a waiter."

A current book of poetry, "Songs," has earned Logue £100. He was paid exactly that for one

By

**PETER
CHAMBERS**

article in the American teenage magazine Mademoiselle.

Christopher Logue writes fierce, noble poems about war, love and nature. Son of a Southampton civil servant, he was brought up by Jesuits.

"I never believe in the total abolition of private property," he said.

He got up off the floor, rattled some coal into the stove, and lay down again.

A gleam of gold shone in the front teeth of Burns Singer as he lit his fifth home-made cigarette. He said: "Of course, Christopher believes that propaganda and politics are part of poetry."

"For me, it's different. It's almost like psychoanalysis. I'll do no work for weeks and then write solidly for 12 hours. I think what I'm really seeking all the time is the source of Original Sin in myself."

Logue leaped to his feet at this heresy and shouted: "Original Sin! What are you talking about?"

Logue looks like a man who would punch anybody on the nose. But then who could punch Burns Singer? A mass of gold hair frames his face, he has the air of a spiritualised Viking whom the bigger men left at home when they set out in their long-prowed ships to raid England.

Flames

"Jimmy" to his friends, Burns Singer is actually the son of a Glaswegian mother and a Jewish salesman from Manchester. I count him the most inflammable poet on the English scene, because the way he burns burning tobacco strands on his floppy gold beard he is bound to go up in flames one day.

In love, he wrote:—
I cannot see
Smiles in another.
And every tear
I brush aside
I find you hidden within it
like a bride.

He wrote that for Marie, the woman he made his bride five years ago. She is a New York-born Negroess with a Harley-street practice in psychotherapy.

Dreamers only part of the time, poets show an acute interest in money, mainly because of the difficulty they have in laying their hands on it.

Most magazines pay £10 10s. for a short poem, and the rates at the B.B.C. go down to 10d. a line for longer broadcast works. Poets write reviews and do journalism to make a living.

"I'm never sloppy about money," said Christopher Logue in a raging voice. "I want a car. I want to eat out in restaurants. You know who I'd like to be? I'd like to be president of U.S. Steel!"

Burns Singer, once a fish-chasing zoologist at Aberdeen Marine Laboratory, "I'd like to be Sproy K. Skourus. I just fancy the glamour of working in films."

Professor

The world does not owe poets a living, but it pays more than a modest competence to Theodore Roethke (pronounced ret-key), a great shambling American poet big as a house and earning enough money to live in one in smart Belgravia during his London visit.

Dwarfing a glass of sherry with his big hand, 52-year-old Roethke told me: "My great year was 1958, when I picked up £10,000 in various prizes, including an award from the Ford Foundation."

"As a working Professor of English at the University of Washington, Seattle, I teach poetry for £4,500 a year." But the amount he gets by actually writing poetry and getting it published is only about £1,000 a year.

Journey

Roethke's best man when he married, was W. H. Auden, who sang his songs for more than sixpence as the best-known British poet of the 1930s. "But even Auden can't make a living just writing poetry," said Roethke. "I doubt if anybody does, except maybe Robert Frost."

Let's face it, poems will never be as popular as football coupons, and what America offers is just bigger subsidies.

As characters, poets range from rhyming layabouts to saintly travellers who have embarked on the greatest journey of all: the journey into the mind and spirit of man.

Gold

Christopher Logue, who is a compulsive newspaper-reader, said: "I see myself as a failed journalist." Jimmy Singer licked a new cigarette together and said: "Och, no, man."

Jimmy failed to set his beard alight.

He may never set the world on fire or earn much money. But Jimmy has looked deeper into the river than most of us.

He is panning like a prospector, and those gleaming traces he washes out from the daily silt of words, words, words, are his own kind of gold. (London Express Service).

* "Bill and Al" by Burns Singer, Becker and Warburg.



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Thomas Wiseman's LIME LIGHT

The Spoils of Success

MR. DONLEAVY AND MR. PINTER ARE NOT EXACTLY RUSHING TO GRAB THEM

THINGS have been happening so fast in the theatre that outsiders become insiders before their tempers have had time to hot-up. The attitude of the Establishment seems to be: if you can't beat 'em, let 'em join you.

As a result of this all-embracing liberalism, John Osborne is a power in the film industry, Arnold Wesker jumps from outsider to Brains Truster in two years, and Harold Pinter and J. P. Donleavy have knocked down the walls of the West End at practically the first bash.

All these writers, in varying degrees opposed to the present organisation of society, have been winners of the Evening Standard Drama Award.

Deprived of their wanderings in the wilderness, honoured before they have been able to digest the bitter fruits of neglect, these writers face a new kind of problem.

They are accepted, flattered and feted by a society they feel they ought to despise.

They must either bite the hand that feeds them champagne and caviare and the statues of official recognition or they must accept the consequences of becoming the new elite. It is a difficult choice. This year's winners of the Evening Standard Drama Award for writing are both in this difficult position. They are men trying to break down a door that is already wide open.

Enshrined

Pinter, at the age of 30, is recognised as the author of the best play of the year on the strength of The Care-taker, a remarkable piece of dramatic levitation, a play that floats without any visible means of support.

Donleavy, at the age of 34, is enshrined as the most promising playwright of the year on the strength of a play, Fairy Tales of New York, which will open in the West End the day after he collects his award.

It is scarcely possible for reward to follow any more quickly on achievement.

What sort of men are they?

Simple

Neither is the kind of person one might expect from his work. Pinter, whose plays are spun in a delicate web of rustling scaffolding, has the look of a go-ahead shirt salesman in the Charing Cross Road.

Donleavy, whose work is bawdy, violent and usually expurgated, looks like one of the brothers Karamzov, and has a smile that illuminates his whole personality by means of some interior fluorescence.

Pinter's play is, he insists, the story of a tramp who is given charity, but does not know how to accept it. He dismisses completely the suggestion that his three characters stand for the id, the ego and the super ego, or that they stand for mankind, Christ and God.

He insists that his play is as simple as it seems to be, but adds, in the same breath, that nothing is so complex as simplicity.

He is revealing about his methods of writing. "My characters," he says, "when they begin to live, just take over. All I have to do is to follow them. They lead me. I never know where they are going to go. I just follow them because they are a bloody sight more important than I am, and they always change out of all recognition from my original conception of them."

Bombarded

"Of course I control them, I have the last word, but I let them have a very long piece of rope."

His insistence that his characters have no symbolic meaning springs from a deeply ingrained loathing for symbols, messages, pat interpretations and capsalet truths.

"From when I was very young," he says, "people have been trying to convert me to their point of view. At no previous time have people been bombarded with quite so many messages from so many different sources."

He rejects them all—whether they are subversive, subliminal or sublime. He asserts: "I don't believe in God. I don't believe in solutions. I don't believe in all that jazz about forward to the next horizon."

"I don't believe in Socialism or rationalism or psychology or Persil—I don't believe any of the

stuff that is pumped out from the pulpit, from the Press, from the stage, from radio, TV and advertising."

For Pinter, life is not the answer to a question, but the question itself.

Passing salt

Donleavy does not even recognise the existence of questions. He shrugs off the H-bomb as something that does not concern him. He considers it presumptuous for mankind to make such a fuss about whether it will continue to exist or not.

It does not matter, except to mankind, and if mankind is wiped out it will not be around to care.

"I do not believe in morality," he says quietly, gently, "only in manners. I don't think it's very important whether we are all blown up by the H-bomb. But I do think it is important to pass the salt when somebody asks you to."

He lists his principal relaxations as walking, good wine, good food, writing and sex.

He claims proudly that he has never worked in his life, by which he means that he has never done anything other than write or paint.

Isolated

He has been married for 14 years, has lived the past 10 in Fulham and now has a house in the Isle of Man.

He is a man who enjoys being alone.

"I write from 11 to two each day," he says. "After lunch I go for walks until the evening. I hardly ever talk to anyone. Talk doesn't achieve anything."

"I have lived a completely isolated life for the last 10 years. I have my wife and my children but I hardly ever see anyone else. Being a writer is necessarily a solitary occupation."

He is very conscious of the intensive nature of success, that it can deprive a writer of his precious loneliness.

"But these are dangers," he says, "that don't befall someone like me. Success and money arouse in me no overwhelming gratitude, no special excitement."

"I am indifferent to the material or egotistical benefits of success. They mean nothing to me."

"Fame can be most destructive of talent. You can't write from the point of view that you are a great author worshipped by millions. It is much more helpful to the writer to be insulted occasionally."

"Success seems to destroy most American writers—they become professional successes."

In the past, when people have intruded upon his privacy at a pub, the outcome has been a fight in which the intruders are laid flat.

"I am much stronger than I look," he confesses, "and in my student days I used to get into a lot of fights."

"My beard and my retiring manner seem to arouse a certain violence in people. I always try to avoid it but the trouble is that the person who wins is regarded as the guilty party I tend to win."

Donleavy, who could initially not get his novel, The Ginger Man published except as a pornographic book in Paris, and Pinter, whose plays mystify more people than they enlighten, are both men who are having success thrust upon them.

They have been forced into a kind of shotgun wedding with fame, and it is understandable that they should view such a union with misgivings.

(London Express Service).



PICTURE BY MICHAEL WARD

Playwright Donleavy visits a rehearsal of his prize-winning play Fairy Tales of New York and talks to actress Susan Hampshire.

TALKING POINTS

We read to say what we have read.

—CHARLES LAMB.

He missed an invaluable opportunity to hold his tongue.

—ANDREW LANG.

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Happy Valley.....3, Sing Tao.....2 TIGERS' UNHAPPY VALLEY

Sing Tao do the pressing
but Happy Valley show
them how to shoot

By I. M. MacTAVISH

One of the great social tragedies frequently decried in popular song is 'the pub with no beer'... and in a football sense it might well be rivalled by the spectacle of 'a pitch with no lines.'

The start of the First Division soccer match between Happy Valley and Sing Tao at the Club Stadium yesterday was delayed for what must surely be the unprecedented reason that the lines on the ground were practically non-existent and had to be hastily and crudely touched up before play could commence.

The impromptu work was hardly satisfactory but that is no alibi for Sing Tao who had severely five per cent of the game... seventy five per cent of the chances... and still lost by three goals to two.

The Tigers have only themselves to blame for their defeat. No doubt they will point to the time they hit the crossbar above the Happy Valley goal-keeper's head, or when they hit the post, or when desperate defenders scraped and scrambled the ball off the line but, if they are honest with themselves, they will also point to the golden opportunities that were wasted through carelessness, lack of interest... and rank bad shooting.

Pressure for pressure's sake means absolutely nothing... but goals for goals' sake, such as those snapped up by Happy Valley, win points.

Exciting time

That must be the final reading of the game but there is no doubt that in the early stages the blinding young Sing Tao side gave the 7,000 fans as exciting a time as they have had this season and, by exactly the same token, they gave the star-studded and experienced Happy Valley defence a sustained onslaught they will not easily forget... but, try as they would, they simply could not get the ball into the net.

Happy Valley on the other hand always looked dangerous when they got into Tigers' territory and their snatched all their early goals with commendable skill although towards the end they had just about enough and were glad to indulge in every conceivable time-consuming tactic.

Their defence was often forced into panic and they were compelled to use desperate methods to clear their lines... but somehow they kept the ball out of the net.

Goalkeeper Wong Shu-woo, however, was the exception to these comments. The big fellow was immaculate, cool and confident in everything he did yet he must have been a little surprised at the ease with which experienced campaigners like Low Tak-hing, Wong Man-wai, Lau Tin and Chan-lam were beaten in that early 'panic stations' period.

Contradictions

Fortunately for the side the others held firm and, with the help of Chu Wing-keung and hardworking Tse Ben-kuen, they survived, but only just.

Leung Wai-hung produced another entertaining performance on the Happy Valley left wing but the forward line as a whole never accomplished very much in the way of scoring, collecting three invaluable breakaway goals.

Sing Tao were a side loaded with contradiction. They had enough enthusiasm for half a

NOTICE

THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Programmes and Entry Forms for the 9th (Annual) Race Meeting 1960/61 to be held on Saturday 25th February, Wednesday 1st and Saturday 4th March, 1961, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Alexandra House; the Club House, Happy Valley; and the Stable, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Tuesday, 14th February, 1961.

Please enclose the entry form in the green envelope provided.

By Order of the Stewards,
A. E. ARNOLD,
Secretary.

IN MEMORIAM



Duncan Edwards, Manchester United player and one of England's star players—who was killed in the Munich Air disaster of 1958—has been paid a lasting tribute by his home town of Dudley, Worcestershire. A memorial has been prepared in the form of two stained glass windows over the front of St Francis Church, Dudley—at a cost of more than £200. The windows depict Duncan Edwards as the world knew him—as a star of football. The Vicar, Rev Arthur Catterall, says he always remembers Edwards kicking a ball around.

Photo shows a view of the left hand window which depicts Duncan Edwards, as a member of the Manchester United.—Keynote photo.

Beef for brawn

The second half started off in promising style but soon beef began to take the place of brawn. The spectators were obviously surprised when Lau Chin-kau escaped censure for an incident which ended with Young Wai-yip squaring his jaw on the ground and later being carried off for treatment. The loud hostility of the crowd was graphic indication of what the fans thought about it... and I could understand their indignation.

No more credible, however, was Young's crude retaliation soon after he returned to the field... but he got no more than a 'word in the ear'.

In the 69th minute the Sing Tao defence paid the penalty of underestimating the speed of Leung Wai-hung.

The winger caught a ball that seemed certain to go over the byline, bent his man, swept a neat cross to the far post and had the satisfaction of seeing Leung Wai-hung execute a spectacular spot of acrobatics to nod the ball home.

The centre-forwards effort won the applause of the crowd and the congratulations of his mates. Apparently however, Cheung Man-chi did not approve, for a few minutes later he flattened the little fellow with a crude 'in-the-middle-of-the-back' tackle. The centre-forward was carried to the side line and Cheung got... yes... you've guessed... a word in the ear.

Seven minutes from the end Lau Chin-kau foolishly handled in the penalty area and Young Wai-yip scored from the spot to cut Happy Valley's lead to 3-2. The Tigers smashed into the attack to save the game, but had their chances but failed to find the net again and Happy Valley got two points they hardly deserved.

VERDICT: Good enough entertainment... with just a little too much bite and not quite enough 'anti-bite' treatment. A special compliment to fiery off-criticised Wong Man-wai for an exemplary performance when so many others saw merit in indiscretion. Happy Valley play better and lose... Sing Tao may win many a game without attacking half as much as they did here... if they take their chances.

...but imagine having to hold up a First Division match while the pitch is lined off... black mark to the ground staff!!!

The teams

Happy Valley: Wong Shu-woo, Lok Tak-hing, Chan Chan-lam, Wong Man-wai, Lau Tin, Lau Chin-kau, Au Pang-lin, Chu Wing-keung, Leung Kwan-hung, Tse Ben-kuen, Leung Wai-hung.

Sing Tao: Kwok Chow-ming, Lee Lai-kwong, Lee Loy, Cheung Man-chi, Fung Kee-yuen, Cheung Chi-man, Fung Kee-leung, Young Wai-to, Cheung Chi-wai, Young Wai-yip, Lee Tak-tung.

Junior sprinter equals Olympic record

Sydney, Feb. 11. Junior sprinter Rhonda Blair-bridge today equalled another of Olympic star Betty Cuthbert's records at Sydney Sports Ground today.

Compelling in an invitation 100 metres, she clocked 11.5 seconds to match Cuthbert's New South Wales Open time of almost a year ago and set a new Australian Junior time.

The time was only one-tenth of a second outside the Australian Open record set by Cuthbert in the 1958 Olympics and two-tenths outside the world record held jointly by Shirley Strickland of Australia and Russian sprinter V. Kephina.

Albert Magness of Canberra set a new Australian Junior record to win the hammer throw title. His throw of 182 ft 8 ins, bettered the previous record by 15 ft 6 ins.—China Mail Special.

Marathon swim winner

Mar Del Plata, Feb. 12. Helger Jensen, 24-year-old physical education instructor from Denmark, today won the Miramar Mar Del Plata Atlantic marathon swim by a margin of half an hour over the runner-up and defending champion, Syder Gulsardo of Argentina.

Jensen's time of 13 hours and nine minutes also broke the record of 14 hours 10 mins set last year. In the first running of this marathon swim.

Spain's entry, Rodolfo Rodriguez Equila, champion of the straits of Gibraltar crossing, placed third, about half an hour after Gulsardo.

Fourth place went to Argentinian swimmer Manuel Garay. Only four of the twelve swimmers who started the race last night actually finished the race at Bristol Beach in Mar Del Plata. Organisers said the others were forced to abandon the race because of exhaustion.—UPI.

Four Dutch titles for Danish badminton aces

Haarlem, Feb. 13. Danish players took four out of the five titles in the Haarlem Badminton International Championships which ended here today.

The only title which the Danes did not win was the men's singles title which went to Indonesia's Ferry Sonneville. Sonneville defeated Charoen Wattanasin (Thailand) 15-8, 15-5 in the final.

Denmark's Hanne Jensen took the women's singles title when she beat Inge Christensen 11-0, 11-0 in the final.

Denmark's Tonny Holst Christensen and Bjorn Holst Christensen beat Hanne Jensen and Olle Mertz 15-4, 15-4 in the mixed doubles final.

Hanne Jensen and Karin Rasmussen beat Anette Schmidt and Inge Kjaergaard 15-10, 15-6 in the women's doubles final.

Finally Knud Aage Nielsen and Olle Mertz defeated B. Wong and K. H. Yeh (Malaya) 18-10, 15-9 in the men's doubles final.—AFP.

Sports Diary

TODAY
Meeting Extraordinary General Meeting, HKS Stadium, 9 pm.
TOMORROW
Racing
Entries close for Ninth Meeting of Royal Hongkong Jockey Club, noon.
Colonial Individual Matches at Victoria Barracks, 5.30 pm.

Two lucky runs give SCAA 9-7 senior softball victory over the Pandas

By OLLY VAS

Not being a team to refuse golden opportunities to score runs, the South China AA softball side yesterday gratefully accepted two crucial runs from the Pandas in the bottom of the third inning to win their match by 9-7 and to stay unbeaten in the Senior League.

Vic Pedruco's superb fielding work was undone by a wild throw from first baseman Harry Lee to the home plate. Pedruco had pulled off a fielding gem in this inning to toss out Benny Omar after the latter had laid down a neat bunt along the first-base line, but Lee's relay hit the soft-ball bat Omar had dropped in front of the plate and Art Ozorio and L.C. Poon scampered home with two important runs.

Short-lived lead

Battling first the Pandas were retired in quick order. So were the Carolinians.

In the top of the second inning the Pandas raised a cheer from the stands as they went into a short-lived lead.

Pedruco led off with a sharp single over shortstop Y. K. Chan. Y. S. Liang was caught out in left-field by Poon then Pedruco went all the way to third base on Raymond Tso's double to right. Philip Hsu's fly-ball pushed Pedruco over the plate for the Pandas to lead 1-0. Jack Collico hit straight to centre-fielder P. C. Wong for the Pandas' inning to close.

Y. K. Chan's double drove in Wong for the SCAA team to tie up the ball game. Then Chan himself scored when A. R. Salich connected solidly with the ball, sending it to short-centre field and the winners were now leading 2-1.

In the top of the third inning the Pandas overtook SCAA and even enjoyed a three runs lead when they laid down a series of bunts which bewildered the SCAA infield. Harry Lee, Peter Hahn, Harry Kwok and Pedruco were responsible for the runs. The winners' shortstop Y. K. Chan

allowed P. C. Wong and Sit to score.

Pedruco once again pulled off a spectacular play in the bottom of this inning when he stretched out to his right to snare a ball off Sit's bat, keeping an eye on base-runner Wong all the time. Though off-balance Pedruco tossed the ball to first but was unable to beat Sit to the base. A very neat piece of fielding indeed!

Disastrous throw

Now came the disastrous wild toss by the Pandas' first-sacker Harry Lee for the Carolinians. Phil Hsu scored on Ribi-ro's hit to right in the top of the sixth to make it 7-0 and the seventh inning opened with the Pandas two runs behind. Vic Pedruco's line drive saw him safely on base.

Strange decisions

Then came the turning point of the match for with one away Y. S. Liang hit the ball to shortstop Ozorio who played for the 'force out' as Pedruco made a bee-line for second. Umpire Diesta thumbed Pedruco 'out' and after this the Pandas lost heart.

It was a very close play and many will swear Pedruco got to the base well before the ball but there is no arguing against an umpire's judgement in a case like this.

Tao and Hsu hit flies to the outfield to end the game. Umpire Yeung Tin-che, the Taiwan Ken Ying coach incidentally, had in the opinion of many spectators, a strange day behind the plate. Pedruco was visibly shaken by some of his calls.

Other results

JUNIOR LEAGUE
Results of other matches were:
Indians 21, Wolves 1.
Giants 13, Antelopes 9.

WEST INDIES FIGHT BACK

Australia 309 for seven

Melbourne, Feb. 13.

The West Indies, in a sorry position on Saturday, bowled their way back into the fifth Test here this morning, claiming four more Australian wickets for 73 runs.

At lunch Australia, 236 for three at stumps on Saturday, were 309 for seven—only 17 runs ahead with three wickets standing.—Reuter.

In the face of accurate bowling Australia took nearly 90 minutes and the loss of two wickets to hit off the 56 runs necessary to equal the West Indies first innings score.

Ken Mackay (19) and Nell Harvey (5) were the batsmen dismissed before the West Indies score was passed, and later Burge (68) and Alan Davidson (24) both went at 309.

Wesley Hall, Garfield Sobers and Len Gibb shared the attack this morning, and such was their length and variation that they exerted persistent pressure on the batsmen.

Davidson's 1,000

Sobers claimed two of the four victims this morning, while Hall and Gibb had one each. Wicketkeeper Alexander shared in the successes by making three catches behind.

Valentine was unavailable to the West Indies attack owing to swollen fingers due to some allergy, his place in the field being taken by Chester Watson. Just before being dismissed Davidson reached 1,000 runs in Test matches.

Lunch scoreboard

FIRST INNINGS	
West Indies: 202	
Australia	
R. Simpson, c Gibbs, b Sobers	75
C. McDonald, lbw Sobers	91
N. Neil, b Gibbs	10
P. Burge, c Sobers, b Gibbs	68
K. Mackay, c Alexander, b Hall	19
N. Harvey, c Alexander, b Sobers	5
A. Davidson c Alexander b Sobers	24
R. Bannard not out	0
J. Martin not out	0
Extras	17
Total (for 7 wickets)	309

Fall of wickets: 1-148; 2-181; 3-181; 4-244; 5-200; 6-309 and 7-309.

Bowling				
	O	M	R	W
Hall	14	1	51	1
Worrell	11	2	44	0
Sobers	36	5	97	4
Valentine	13	1	42	0
Gibbs	29	13	58	2

—Reuter.

Japanese wins Daytona Beach motorcycle race

Daytona Beach, Feb. 12. Moto Kitano of Tokyo won the 62-mile U.S. Motorcycle Club race for lightweight machines on a Honda today. He averaged 64.702 mph on the 1.66-mile course.

Kitano led all the way. He fell off once but remounted quickly and went on to win. Mike Hallwood of Oxford, England, was second on a Mondial. Luis Giron of Guatemala City, was third on a German NSV. Fourth was G. Suzuki of Tokyo on a Yamaha and fifth was Gihvi Suzuki of Tokyo on a Honda.

THE DAYTON '500'

Glenn Roberts of Daytona Beach set a record at 155.440 mph in qualifying for the Daytona 500-Mile Car Race on February 24.

Roberts, driving a 1961 Pontiac, finished less than a car length in front of Marvin Parich, also of Daytona Beach in a 1960 Pontiac.

Ebb Biedick of Omaha, Nebraska, driving a 1961 Pontiac, finished a close third in the 25-mile run for the pole positions.

In the record race, Joe Weatherly of Norfolk, Virginia, in a 1961 Pontiac, averaged 153.846 mph and defeated Roscoe Thompson, Atlanta, in a 1960 Pontiac, and Curtis Turner, Charlotte, North Carolina, in a 1961 Ford.

The finishes gave Roberts and Weatherly side-by-side pole positions in the 500-mile event.

Roberts' time shattered the old record of 150.030 set by Jack Smith last July in a 1960 Pontiac.—AP.

THE GRAND PRIX

Tony Godfrey, an aircraft draftsman from London, England, won the U.S. Motorcycle Club's Grand Prix, the first in this country in 30 years, by covering 40 laps around the 3.1 mile course at an average speed of 80.021 mph. Godfrey drove a Matchless which he borrowed in London when he couldn't get his own machine ready.

He finished 23 seconds ahead of the second man, Buddy Partridge of the U.S., on a Norton. Bob Burnell of the U.S. was third on a Matchless, followed in order by Ed Labelle of the U.S. on a BMW; Gihvi Suzuki of Tokyo, on a Honda, and Moto Kitano of Tokyo, on a Honda.—AP.

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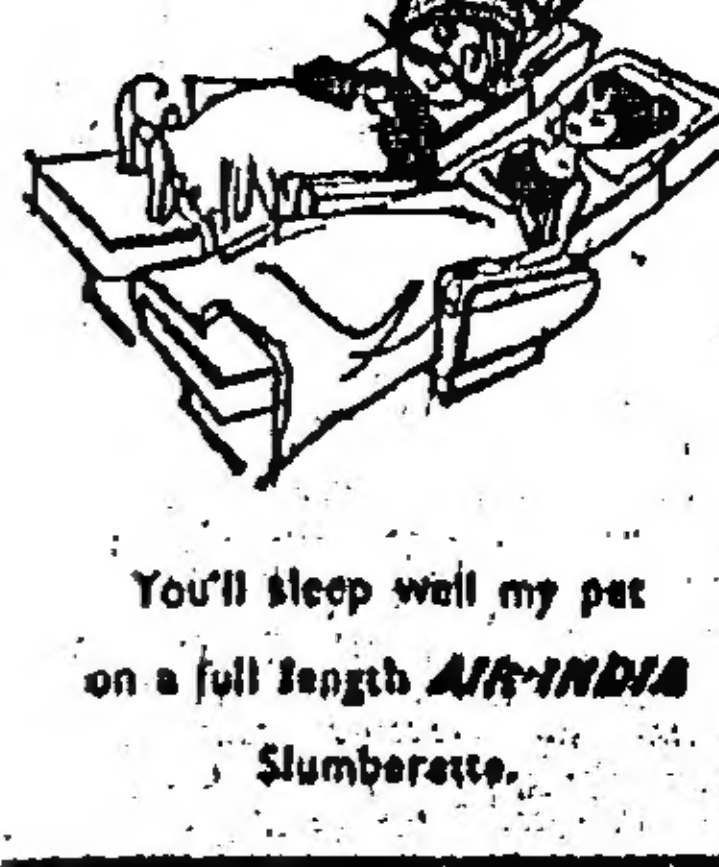
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By Barry Appleby



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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1961.



Was the guard right in locking up the monk?

A strange anomaly of the law had led to a 79-year-old Buddhist monk suing a guard of the University of Hongkong for wrongful imprisonment and assault, a solicitor told the Victoria District Court today.

Mr T. J. Gregory said that the guard would have been justified in ejecting him from the university grounds, but he had respected his age and his cloth and thought that the best method was to take him to the canteen to wait for police.

Mr Gregory was representing the monk, Wong Pak-ching, with a long moustache and shaven head, clad in prayer beads as he conducted his own case before Judge R. H. Mills-Owens.

UMBRELLA

He wore a grey monk's habit and carried a black umbrella with him to the counsel table. Wong is claiming \$500 damages and costs from the guard, whom he claimed assaulted him and detained him in the university canteen for two hours.

Mr Gregory agreed with Judge Mills-Owens that there was no ordinance against trespassing in Hongkong.

But he submitted that the University was only open to the public for a limited purpose, and anyone on the grounds for any

other purpose was liable to be ejected.

The man has said he was on his way to a monastery through the university grounds. Mr Gregory said that if the monk succeeded in his claim for wrongful imprisonment, it might lead to certain other consequences.

"The Council of the University might order its guards to eject people like this," he said. "When you are dealing with old people, physical ejection might be very dangerous."

Mr Gregory also quoted authorities on the subject of what constitutes arrest. He said arrest consisted of the actual seizure or touching of a person's body with a view to detention, and not the mere pronouncing of words of arrest.

The plaintiff had claimed that he was actually seized, but the guard said he merely put his arm out to stop him.

Mr Gregory said the owner of a property had the right to eject a trespasser, provided he used no more force than was necessary.

Judge Mills-Owens reserved judgement until this afternoon.

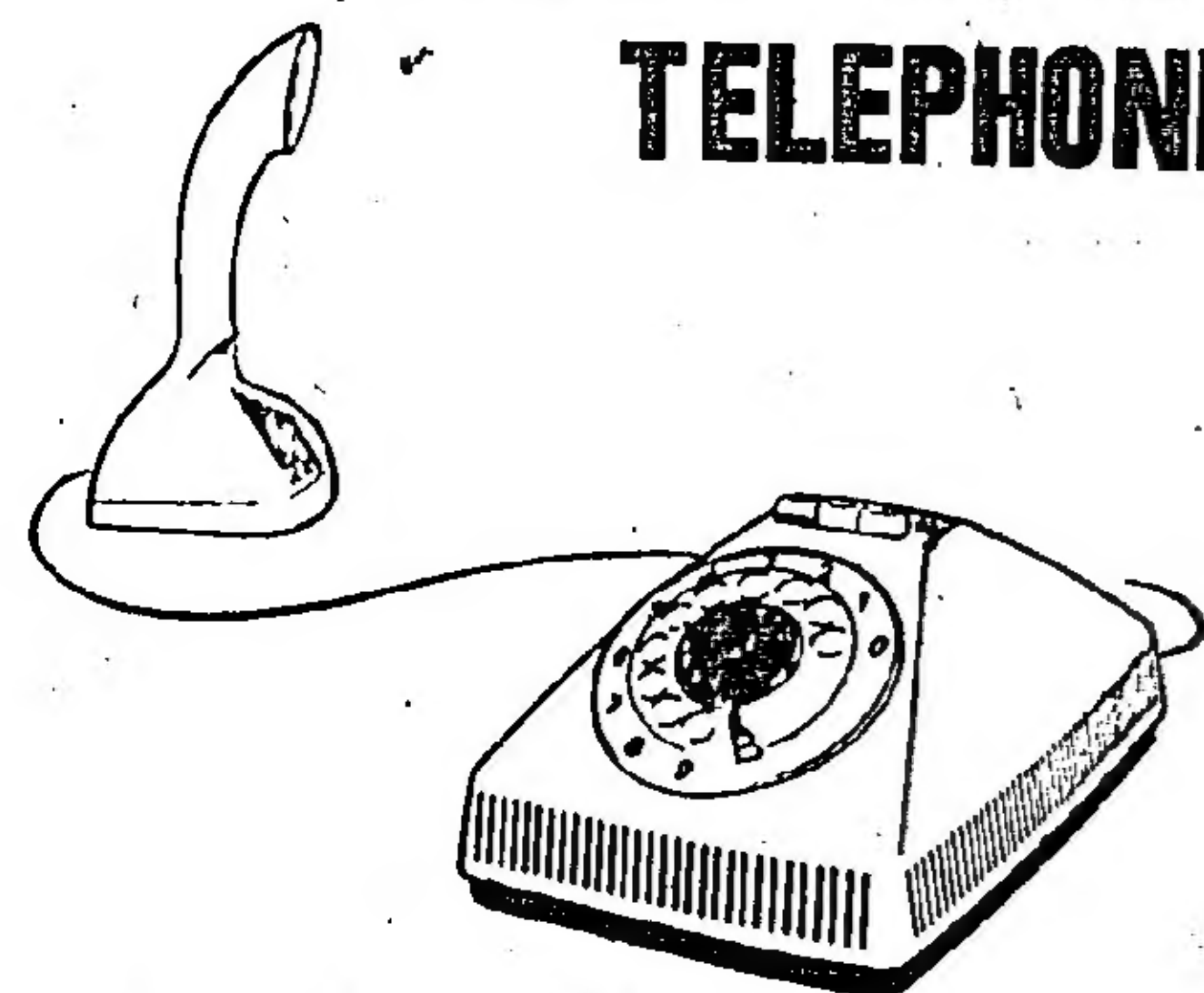
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NEED FOR PERMANENT EXHIBITION CENTRE STRESSED New CMA building plan before tribunal

Plans to replace the present 40-year-old building at 64/5 Connaught-road Central housing the Chinese Manufacturers' Association of Hongkong were brought before a Tenancy Tribunal this morning.

Mr D. A. L. Wright, instructed by C. Y. Kwan and Co. represented the applicants, the C.M.A. Their Secretary, Mr C. S. Chu, told the Tribunal that the present premises were completely inadequate for present needs.

"Since 1954," said Mr Chu, "our membership has increased by about 500. Industry of various kinds has expanded and we need a permanent hall in which to hold exhibitions."

Temporary

"The annual exhibition held at various places in the Colony only provides a temporary showplace for Hongkong's goods; we must have a permanent one."

The new building will cost \$893,824 and will be 12 storeys with a mezzanine floor. There would be two staircases and two lifts. The CMA would occupy the ground, mezzanine and seventh to eleventh floors and the first to sixth floors would be designed for offices. The architect is Mr Seto Yu.

Five opposing tenants are represented by Mr A. Zimmerman, instructed by Mr G. S. Ford of Ford, Kwan and Co; Mr A. Lui, of Lo and Lo and Mr P. T. Yu, of F. Zimmerman and Co.

Mr B. V. Rhodes is President of the Tribunal, assisted by Mr Robert R. Coombs and Mr P. T. Hsu.

Letters from you to the editor Study Group's views repudiated

The local press carried today a news report on the recommendations on local self-government by a United Nations Association of Hongkong Study Group.

I quote below the contents of a letter which I wrote on February 4 to the Chairman of the United Nations Association of Hongkong:

"I refer to the circular on February 1, 1961 to which was attached a copy of the report of the United Nations Association Local Self-Government Study Group."

"My views on constitutional reform are contained in the Civic Association - Reform Club Coalition Agreement which appeared in the local press on the morning of January 31, 1961. 'Hongkong's' international reputation today is due in large measure to our political stability and economic growth, and I consider the recommendation of the Study

NOW, COLOUR NEWSREELS FOR COLONY

A new type of newsreel, made in colour, has arrived in the Colony and will be screened at the State and Royal theatres from tomorrow.

This newsreel covers the first half of the Queen's visit to India, and shows India's Independence Day celebrations.

Newsreel in colour are yet another attempt by British film industry to offset the competition of the Television screen.

Airline sales chief report on tourist facilities

HK PRICES

'MOST REASONABLE'

Mr Robert Plattford, Assistant U.S.A. Sales Manager for Boac in New York, declared that prices in Hongkong were 'most reasonable' when he left the Colony at the weekend after a week-long stay.

He was accompanied by two other senior Boac sales colleagues from the United States, Mr Jack Candy, District Sales Manager for New York, and Mr Ian Wood, District Sales Manager for Philadelphia.

"We were all most impressed with the most reasonable prices asked by Hongkong shopkeepers for such a wide variety of attractive merchandise," Mr Plattford said. "Without exception, our experience was that we were offered top-quality goods at what — to us — were bargain-basement prices."

He pointed out that to American and other English-speaking tourists one of the strongest points in favour of Hongkong was the high standard of English spoken by hotel staffs, travel agency guides, shopkeepers and the like.

EXASPERATING

"Believe me nothing exasperates a tourist more than not being able to make himself understood. That is why Hongkong has such an advantage over places like Thailand and Japan where at times the language problem seems almost insurmountable."

The three men made a series of tours around the Colony, did individual sightseeing, visited shopping centres, comparing prices, and met travel agency leaders.

"For all of us it was our first visit to the new Hongkong; and we were so satisfied with the treatment we received here that we will use every means at our command in the United States to persuade more and more travellers to visit this fascinating spot."

"We do have one suggestion to make, however. The average tourist is rather shy and therefore rarely has an opportunity to experience the true atmosphere of Chinese life."

"We would recommend the tour operators — which we found excellent. Incidentally — to endeavour to include more visits to Chinese festivals, etc., wherever practicable."

New Year money demand started later

Bank withdrawals by Hongkong residents shortly before the Chinese New Year for settlement of debts and payment of bonuses, began later this year than last year.

A spokesman for the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank said this morning that the rush for withdrawals has been on since the middle of January.

"It has been increased for the last two weeks and will keep up until tomorrow," he said.

"But early next week or so, the money is expected to start coming back into the bank as it tried to do in the past."

The rush for withdrawals began earlier last year when the demand started growing towards the end of December.

The late start this year, however, he pointed out, did not mean that there was any less demand for money by the public.

This is because there is more money in circulation this year than last year.

The bank spokesman said there was \$685 million in circulation this year — \$22 million more than the \$663 million last year.

Also the Chinese New Year began a little earlier last year, he added.

From the Files

25 years AGO

February 1936

A STRONG criticism of the Hongkong multi-tal system was made by the editor of the *Slavo Market News*, Mr A. Lancaster Smith and published in the *Manchester Guardian*.

Referring to the finding of a recently established Hongkong committee that it was doubtful whether any attempt to stop the practice could be initiated by the Hongkong Government with any hope of success, Mr Lancaster Smith goes on to say: "There is no doubt that slavery has persisted under the British flag for almost 100 years in the Crown colony of Hongkong."

"If the above statement from the committee's report means anything at all it surely intimates that slavery under the British flag cannot be suppressed."

Mr Lancaster Smith then pointed out that in 1922, Mr Winston Churchill had told the House of Commons that "the Governor (of Hongkong) and I are determined to effect the abolition of the system at the earliest practicable date, and I have indicated to the Governor that I expect the change to be carried out within a year."

Mr Lancaster Smith went on to say that Lord Passfield, as Colonial Secretary had sent a dispatch to the Governor of Hongkong in August, 1929, saying: "It now appears, however, that after six years from the passing of the Ordinance the most that can be said is that there is no reason to believe that the number of Mui-Tsai in the Colony has increased. After making all allowance for the difficulties in bringing the system to an end which are described at length in your dispatches, it is my duty to inform you that public opinion in this country and in the House of Commons will not accept such a result with equanimity and I feel myself quite unable to defend a policy of laissez-faire in this serious matter."

Mr Lancaster Smith then called on the British Government to reprint the Hongkong committee's report as a white paper "in order that British public opinion on the subject of slavery in Hongkong can be enlightened."



The Ericovox loudspeaking telephone

TWO NEW KINDS OF TELEPHONE FOR HONGKONG

Two new types of telephone, more automatic and convenient than before, are now available to the Hongkong public.

They are the Ericovox loudspeaking telephone and an intercom-exchange combination system. Agreement was reached recently between the Hongkong Telephone Co. Ltd and the Swedish Trading Co. Ltd in connection with the supply of the new instruments to the public.

Desk model

The Ericovox loudspeaking telephone is a light grey desk model which at the press of a button enables several people to hear and talk as if they were sitting face to face.

But the moment one lifts the standard telephone receiver which is connected to the Ericovox phone, automatically the Ericovox goes out of function and the speaker can talk into the receiver as in an ordinary telephone.

The combination system serves the dual purpose of an intercom and an exchange. The system does away with the service of an operator.

A complete set of the system consists of five individual telephones each of which is equipped with five buttons at the touch of which one can talk internally or externally and incoming calls can be transferred by any of the five to any other in the system without the help of an operator.

Installation

The Telephone Co. will be responsible for installation and maintenance but will rent only the combination systems to subscribers.

Subscribers wishing to have Ericovox installed at their premises have to buy directly from the Swedish Trading Co. Ltd. The Telephone Company does not carry stock for subscribers.

Both types of instruments are products of the LM Ericsson Telephone Co. in Stockholm, Sweden. The Swedish Trading Co. Ltd are their agents in Hongkong.

Sets of the intercom-exchange combination systems are arriving from Swedish soon.

The suggestions you have offered in your editorial of February 9 to solve the Hongkong traffic problem are not very good, I'm afraid, on account of their serious side-effects:

★ drastic measures such as advocated by you seldom serve to endear law enforcers to the hearts of the crying public, when no effort must be spared to improve their relations,

★ the suspension and confiscation of licences deprive the Government of much needed revenue,

★ the despatch of delinquents to cooling ponds costs money and wastes the valuable time of Government servants.

The solution to the problem lies in the recognition that it is not caused by irresponsible motorists but by ragged individuals who choose to assert their individuality by acting like the pedestrians whom you wish to cool down a little and the motorists whose licences must be confiscated.

These individuals, whose passion is too fierce to be fetters bound, should not be punished for such a commendable pursuit.

Indeed they should be allowed to carry on. But for a fee.

The commission of such traffic offences should no longer be regarded as a crime but a privilege for the exercise of which a fee will be collected on the spot and as many times a day as may be required to satisfy the most lasting urges. Such an approach to the problem will prove most beneficial around:

★ Owners of the law will no longer be looked upon as stolid persecutors and sportsmen, but as understanding defenders of the rights of the individual.

★ The revenue of the Government will not suffer. As a matter of fact it will show an increase for a short while.

★ Cooling ponds will remain the preserve of real criminals and our Government servants will direct their efforts to some more productive activity.

HENRI J. BALLERAND



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FOR A GOOD LIE AT THE "19TH"

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